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Council Rejects Idea Of Binding Arbitration On Controversial Project

Speaking through its attorney, Borough Council has rejected a proposal by Concerned Citizens of Princeton to put before binding arbitration the question of whether the Borough should build its planned $13.5 million downtown development complex.

At last Tuesday night's Council meeting, Concerned Citizens' James Firestone read a prepared statement asking the Borough to pursue binding arbitration in this matter through a method called Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). Under this, both sides would agree to accept the final decision of the arbitrators, assuming a mediated resolution is not reached.

Concerned Citizens, a group of Princeton residents opposed to the redevelopment project, tailed in Superior Court to have the project halted. It has since filed an appeal, with a decision expected early next year. By that time — in fact, by the end of 2003 — the Borough and its development partner, Nassau HKT Associates, expect the 500-space garage to be open for business.

Mr. Firestone, who is also a candidate for Borough Council in November, stated, "Submitting the

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Schools Prepare Opening Day Contingency Plans

As planned, Princeton Regional Schools will be open for classes September 3, but with construction projects underway at five of the six district schools, contingency plans were being prepared in case one or more of the buildings can't be ready in time, said Jeffrey Graber, assistant superintendent of the Princeton Regional School District.

In the event that one of the four elementary schools isn't ready to receive students a possible contingency might be to divide students among the other three schools. Another option might be for a third-party facility to be used to conduct classes temporarily.

"A number of different options are being considered at this point in case there is a need to reassign students to another location," said Dr. Graber.

He declined to comment specifically on contingency plans as they were "still evolving."

Dr. Graber also declined to single out the school or schools that wouldn't be ready.

Concern seemed to center around Riverside Elementary School and Community Park Elementary School, according to sources. But Dr. Graber declined to comment on this.

The district's $81.3 million, multi-year project is intended to provide new construction and renovations at each of its six schools. The project is being funded through a $61.3 million bond referendum approved by voters in May 2001, and $20 million in state aid.

Dr. Graber said Johnson Park Elementary School was in good shape even though construction was still underway, and that construction hadn't even yet begun at the high school.

Several programs were hosted by Johnson Park this summer amid construction without incident, he said.

In regard to the status ol school buildings, Dr. Graber said, "We will know definitely by the end of this week as we're gaining a much finer understanding of [construction] progress."

According to one source, asbestos abatement delays threw construction schedules off.

With the first day of school two weeks away, construction crews were in full swing on Tuesday at Riverside and Littlebrook Elementary Schools. Administrative offices were gutted, with wiring and lighting yet to be done, classrooms were tom up, resf rooms were in demolition, and expanded parking areas were being readied for paving.

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ON THE WATERFRONT: Bethany Grohs and fiancé Gary Maltz, both of Princeton, brave the sloping dock at the east end of Lake Carnegie to relax in the late afternoon sun on Monday and watch ducks and geese paddle by. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

Town Topics Staffer Gives Her Account Of New York City During the Blackout

By now, everyone has heard the dramatic stories of the "Blackout of '03." People stuck in elevators between floors. People trapped in subways stalled under the East River. People forced to use pay phones after their cell phone service failed them.

None ol these things happened to me. Like the vast majority of people, I was only slightly inconvenienced. Having to walk a really long way or use the bathroom by candlelight seems a small price to pay for the sudden camaraderie of shared hassles, the joy of an enforced holiday, and of course the bragging rights that come from being part of a piece of regional history.

When the power went out, I was on the Staten Island Ferry, which isn't at alf a bad place to be in a blackout, especially if you happen to be from Staten Island. I, of course, am from Princeton and was not on my way to anywhere. I was in Manhattan for the week taking a photography course. For my daily shooting assignment on Thursday, I had opted to photograph the ferry.

The ferry eventually completed its trip, and deposited me back at South Ferry. I was 70 or 80 blocks from the apartment I was borrowing, but not in a particular hurry to get there.

With a few hours to go untif nightfall and no subway service in sight, New Yorkers quickly divided themselves into three major groups. The

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A collaborative effort by Womanspace, Inc. and area police departments has been launched to recruit new volunteers to support the Regional Domestic Violence Victim Response Team. The project is supported by the police departments of Princeton Borough, Princeton Township, East Windsor, West Windsor, and Hightstown Borough, and is designed to increase the safety and decrease the isolation of domestic violence victims who live and work in these municipalities.

In November 1997, Womanspace and the East Windsor Police Department initiated Mercer County's first domestic violence victim response team. The other communities have joined since then to form the Regional Domestic Violence Victim Response Team.

Volunteers are trained in an initial certification course. Upon completion of their training, volunteers respond to the police department and meet with domestic violence victims in a secure and safe environment. Victims are provided with support, resources and information to assist them in coping with their situation.

Womanspace has provided family violence prevention, education, training and emergency intervention services in Mercer County for the past 26 years. As the lead agency serving victims of domestic violence, the agency has provided shelter, advocacy and counseling services to more than 35,000 women and children, and responded to more than 170,000 hotline calls. The agency also provides education, training and technical assistance to health care, court, law enforcement, school and social service personnel and faith-based, civic and community groups.

Volunteers wishing to join the Regional Domestic Violence Victim Response Team must be 21 years of age or older, a resident of or employed in Mercer County, have a New Jersey driver's license and available transportation, have no criminal history or prior history as a defendant in a domestic violence related matter, and be available on-call at least five times per month. Bilingual individuals are encouraged to apply.

Interested volunteers should contact one of the police departments for further information. Volunteers will participate in a training course of 60-plus hours to become certified. Training will begin in the fall and will be conducted over approximately ten weeks to accommodate the volunteers' schedules.

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FULL BLOOM: Sunflowers stand in Terhune Orchard's pick-your-own flower garden Monday. The orchard sells cut flowers and offers customers the option of going to the garden themselves to cut zinnias, blue salvia, and other varieties of flowers. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

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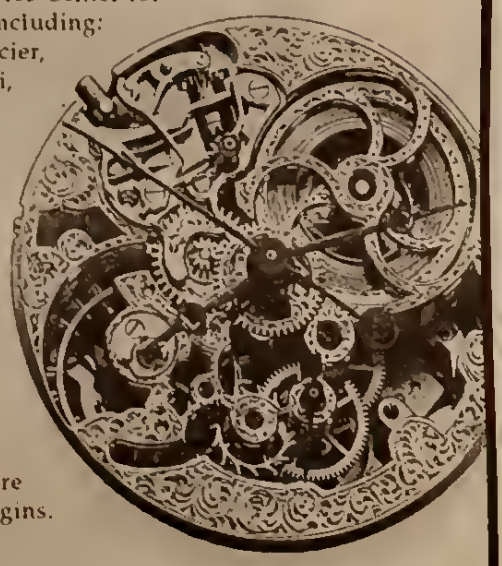

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SMALL BIRD, BIG APPETITE: Intern Priscilla McLarty gives a two- to three-week-old house wren one of its hourly feedings at the Mercer County Wildlife Center last week. (Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

Wild Animals Have Many Friends and Helpers At the County's Wildlife Center in Lambertville

In the front office of the Mercer County Wildlife Center, it's not exactly a scene from *ER*, but it has the same energy: a combination of chaos and a sense of urgency. Diane Nickerson enters the waiting area to examine the first patient. A baby starling huddles in a corner of a cat-carrier cage. It is a few weeks old, and perilously cold to the touch. She enters into the patient database whatever information is known about its circumstances: how did the people who brought it in find it, how long have they had it, and have they tried to feed it.

She assigns the bird a case number and instructs the finder to call back in a few days to learn the status of the bird. Ms. Nickerson, a licensed wildlife rehabilitator and director of the Mercer County Wildlife Center, transfers the patient inside a pillowcase to be taken up to the aviary nursery and moves on to the next case.

"Baby rabbit," says a woman presenting a box. "My dog found it."

The rabbit is small and hops around in the box. In all appearances, it seems healthy.

"It has a 50-50 chance," confides Ms. Nickerson. "Once they are separated from their mother, they have about a 50 percent chance of survival."

At 1:47 pm, the rabbit is officially checked into the Mercer County Wildlife Center (MCWC), where it will be nursed and hopefully rehabilitated and released into its native environment.

Hospital for the Wild

The MCWC is a non-profit organization dedicated to healing New Jersey's found, orphaned, or injured indigenous animals. Partially funded by Mercer County, the MCWC relies heavily on its membership dues, donations, and fundraising events to operate its facility on Route 29 in Lambertville.

The MCWC is a hospital for wild creatures, caring for approximately 2,000 animals a year, with a success rate of rehabilitating and releasing about 60 percent of its patients.

But unlike most hospitals, the MCWC tends to its patients with only one full-time staff, two part-time employees, and 80 volunteers who man the center 12 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Humble Beginnings

Founded in 1988 by Mercer County Naturalist Joe Schmeltz in the basement of the Mercer County Correctional Center, the main building remains on the grounds of the County Correctional Center, which supplies some of the MCWC volunteers — inmates who traded their services for reduced sentences and learned valuable skills in the process.

But when the County Correctional Center lost its contract to house state prisoners, the MCWC lost many of its long-term volunteers. State inmates typically serve longer prison sentences than county inmates, whose sentences can range from a few days to a few months — not long enough to teach them more than laundry skills.

Now Ms. Nickerson relies almost entirely on her pool of volunteers who are scheduled three to a shift, three four-hour shifts a day. Some of her volunteers are interns from Rider University who work for college credit, others are county residents who seem to

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be born healers.

In the mammal nursery, Ms. Nickerson marks the rabbit's ears for identification purposes and places it with a nest of baby rabbits already being raised in an incubator. She hopes that the rabbit will warm up and adjust well to its new nestmates, but all she can do now is wait and see.

In her crowded office filled with books and paperwork Ms. Nickerson begins to feed a nest of baby starlings and two chimney swifts that are kept separate from the aviary nursery because they stress easily and need a calm environment.

One by one she picks up each bird and inserts a syringe into its open beak and feeds it approximately 1 cc of her homebrew songbird formula, which is comprised of about 20 different ingredients.

Feeding baby animals is a delicate task, but not because these animals look fragile, but because they stress easily. Wild animals' natural instinct is that anything bigger than they are wants to eat them. So while grasping each tiny bird in her seemingly large, ominous hand, Ms. Nickerson's movements must be gentle, confident, and quick to minimize the stress in an already stressful situation.

One Brick at a Time

Feeding and caring for these birds in an already cramped office that the staff and volunteers share is less than ideal. Hanging on a wall is a blueprint for the new treatment facility that the MCWC plans to build in 2004.

Mercer County has contributed $325,000 towards the estimated $600,000 project, and the MCWC has raised $180,000 through fundraising efforts such as cocktail events, independent donations, and its monthly flea market, where volunteers sell donated household items in front of the center on the first Sunday of every month.

The One Brick at a Time project, which enables donors to purchase bricks engraved with a logo, name, or an inscription of up to three lines, has been introduced to quickly raise funds for the project.

Inscriptions of 17 characters per line, up to three lines, cost $100 for a 4x8 brick and $250 for an 8x8 brick. Expression Bricks, which allow 4-6 lines of text cost $350.

When finished, the building will be about 5,000 square feet, have a surgery/x-ray lab, library, offices, separate mammal and aviary rooms, and a public area and classroom.

"It's going to be air conditioned (unlike the present facility) and on only one floor — no stairs," Ms. Nickerson points out.

Another important feature of the planned facility is the separate treatment and recovery areas.

Minimal human contact is critical in the animals' recovery process, and to keep the wild animals wild, the MCWC currently permits visitors only by appointment. The separate treatment and educational areas in the new building will enable the MCWC to host visitors and classes on its grounds without disturbing the recovery of wild animals.

Constant Care

Just as she finishes feeding the birds, more patients are brought to the MCWC: four baby possums.

The baby possums were shaken from their mother's pouch when a dog captured their mother. Because possums can't count, the mother probably didn't realize that they were gone and won't be coming back for them.

Ms. Nickerson holds each of them to judge their body temperature. Three are cold, one is warm. A baby possum's body temperature is four to five degrees warmer than a human's, so if they are cold to the touch, the baby's health is in jeopardy.

Like the rabbit, the possums are placed on a heating pad inside an incubator to warm them and to regulate their environment.

August is right in the middle of baby season, which runs from late February through the end of October.

"Right now it's starlings. Next month it will be baby squirrels and raccoons, then turtles," says Ms. Nickerson.

A Growing Problem

With open land decreasing and human population continuing to increase each year in New Jersey, there are that many more people to find animals.

While animal control officers can handle dogs and cats, they may not have the knowledge, skills, or permits to handle wild creatures.

Legislation was passed in the 1970s making it illegal to handle wild animals without the proper permits. To obtain the permits, a person must apprentice with a licensed animal rehabilitator.

Today, there are only 60 licensed animal rehabilitators in New Jersey, and approximately 12 wildlife centers. While Mercer County is fortunate to have a dedicated building and grounds, many centers operate out of the rehabilitator's house or office.

A Great Variety

In Ms. Nickerson's 12 years as a licensed wildlife rehabilitator, she's seen baby raptors, rare wood ducks, brown bats, red foxes, vultures, deer, and a great variety of birds.

YOUNG ONES: A volunteer holds two roughly 10-day-old grey squirrels, members of one of the squirrel litters currently being nursed by the Mercer County Wildlife Center. (Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

If an animal is too injured or has become too tame to survive in its native environment and cannot be used for educational purposes, state law mandates that the animal must be euthanized.

The animals that Ms. Nickerson has rehabilitated and uses in her educational outreach programs include a Broad Wing Hawk who is blind is one eye; a female Grey Horned Owl that the MCWC uses as a surrogate mother to raise orphaned baby Grey Horned Owls; a Peregrine Falcon; and a black crow and a Red Tail Hawk with a human imprint — a condition that occurs when animals are raised from birth by humans and begin to think that they, too, are human.

Until the new center is built, Ms. Nickerson takes these animals on the road with her to community centers, Boy Scout meetings, camp programs, and classrooms.

It is nearly 3:30 and Ms. Nickerson still hasn't found time for her lunch. The Chimney Swifts need to be taken to the outdoor aviary where they learn to fly and catch bugs. Ms. Nickerson picks up owl pellets discarded from their previous day's feast on mice. These pellets will be used in an educational program with a local day camp where the children will dissect the pellets to learn about the owl diets.

As Ms. Nickerson returns to her office with a bowl of owl pellets that look similar to used charcoal, she is called to the phone to answer yet another animal emergency: a baby raptor was found injured near a bank.

Ms. Nickerson talks to the woman, who is alone in the bank, about what to do and who to call next.

After several phone calls, a Clinton police officer agrees to play ambulance for the raptor and will transport it to the center. The day is nearly over, but the work seems never to be done. More animals need to be fed, more cages to be cleaned, more phone calls to return. Ms. Nickerson's lunch still sits untouched and now cold on her desk. Caring for these animals is tiring, unrelenting, and often thankless, but as she waits for the raptor to arrive, she knows that if there's anywhere this animal is going to make it, it's here.

The Mercer County Wildlife Center is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and takes patients until 6. For more information on scheduling outreach programs, donations, volunteering, or other ways to help, call (609) 883-6606. If you find an animal that you think is injured or abandoned, call the center for help. Do not leave animals at the door because the feral cat population will probably eat them.

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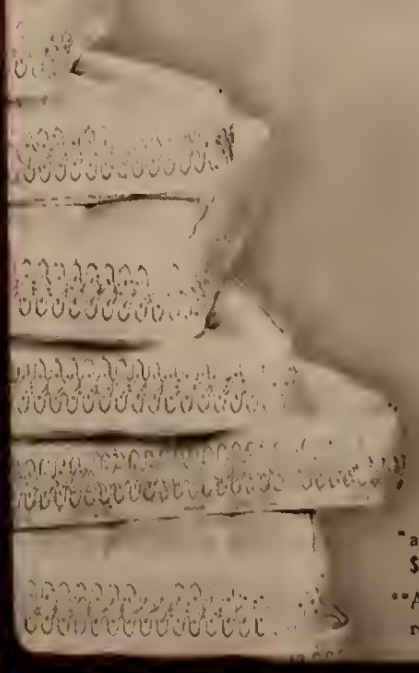

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Penns Neck Road Alignment Awaited by the Eden Institute

The Eden Institute, a nonprofit organization that provides a range of services for autistic children and adults, is locked in a struggle with Princeton University over an eight-year-old agreement that may never be realized.

The statement of mutual intent, which includes building new Eden facilities approximately 1,000 feet behind the current ones that border Route 1 south near Harrison Street, was forged in anticipation of the proposed Millstone Bypass.

Eden stood in the path of the Millstone Bypass road alignment, which met with strong opposition from environmental groups and others, but which continues to exist in similar form as the "B alternatives" in the Penns Neck Area Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The Millstone Bypass or the "B alternatives" have been eclipsed by other options that have garnered public support and which wouldn't require condemning Eden's property. But the new options would result in further infringement on Eden by heavy traffic noise and fumes, said David Holmes, Eden's president and executive director.

Eden, which has 50 children in its school-age program and 35 infants and toddlers in its birth to age 3 program, already endures the relentless pounding of more than 82,000 cars and trucks traveling each day on the portion of Route 1 that is outside its front doorstep, according to the executive summary of the Penns Neck Area draft EIS.

Eden was founded in 1975 with a mission to meet the lifespan needs of individuals with autism. It's a family oriented, multifaceted program including education, housing and work elements.

Eden contends that Princeton University is reneging on a partnership that was initiated by the university itself and which came to Eden at a cost in terms of planning and disturbances on its property.

"We have a written agreement with the University including plans for the school that the University would build," said William Noonan, a trustee of the board of Eden Institute and its former board chairman.

Mr. Noonan was referring to a letter dated May 7, 1996, and signed by Eugene McPartland, then Princeton University's vice president for facilities, and Dr. Holmes. The letter outlines a land-swap deal, which was subject to "New Jersey proceeding in a manner which requires the Eden Institute to move." Eden would move to 8.4 acres of University property located west of Logan Drive and the University would take Eden's one-acre parcel, which it would sell in due time to New Jersey's Department of Transportation.

The letter also refers to a sketch of a proposed new facility for Eden prepared by Lenaz, Mueller and Associates.

The letter was sent by Mr. McPartland's office and it requested the signature of Dr. Holmes.

Pam Hersh, director of state and community affairs for Princeton University, said that the agreement was casual and depended on the final decision on the Penns Neck Area road configuration.

"If the road alignment required them to vacate, then we would help them relocate," Ms. Hersh said. "But we're not going to invest millions of dollars when we don't have to."

The proposed building for Eden is estimated to cost between $5 million to $8 million. Mr. Noonan said, "We have alerted our trustees and parents to the possibility that the resolution to this long debate will be devastating to Eden. Everyone is concerned with environmental issues, but nobody seems concerned about people issues." He said children with autism are particularly sensitive to changes in their environment.

Dr. Holmes said that Eden Institute doesn't have enough money to finance a move on its own, and that Eden has appealed to the Rutgers University advisory group, working at the request of the DOT, against the D.2 option, which is gathering steam among environmental groups. He said Eden supports the A or B alternatives for the road alignment.

The D.2 alternative has Route 1 below grade, frontage roads with a diamond interchange between Harrison Street and Washington Road, and a Vaughn Drive connector to Alexander Road, but no east-side connector road.

The east-side connector is designed to eliminate Washington Road as a through street in West Windsor and funnel its traffic to Harrison Street.

The D.2 option meets the DOT's objectives of providing traffic congestion relief and removing three traffic signals on Route 1.

The B alternatives suggest Route 1 remain at grade and the traffic signals at Washington Road, Fisher Place, and Harrison Street be removed and replaced with a grade-separated loop interchange in the vicinity of Harrison Street. In this alternative, access across Route 1 at Washington Road would also be eliminated.

Unlike the A alternatives, the B alternatives do not include frontage roads between Harrison Street and Washington Road. Instead B and B.1 connect Harrison Street at Washington Road with a west-side connector road across Princeton University property, in the vicinity of the D & R Canal.

All A alternatives place Route 1 in a cut, and most provide frontage roads. All provide a new grade-separated interchange in the vicinity of Harrison Street, and an east-side connector road.

The A alternatives, like many other plans, bring Vaughn Drive into the equation, extending that road north from its current terminus in the Princeton Junction train station parking lot to Washington Road in the vicinity of the Amtrak bridge in Princeton Junction.

"We're mad at this point," said Dr. Holmes. "We're like the proverbial bride left at the altar. We can't do anything. Nobody wants to buy property that is going to be condemned by the DOT, and we can't commit resources to our facilities if they're going to be torn down."

He said the university has turned its back on a relationship that it worked hard to build for a long time when it was in its interest.

In regard to that relationship, he said Eden allowed the university to deposit tons of debris and rocks in the fields opposite its infants and toddler program with the understanding that the debris would be mostly topsoil and would be used later for the building of the bypass.

This dumping prevented the children at Eden from taking their daily walks, he said, and created dust, which on windy days covered the facilities, the cars of faculty and staff, and prevented the children from being outside.

"We were told these disturbances wouldn't be significant because we would be relocated within the year," he said.

The University's Ms. Hersh said, "Nothing has been decided. We don't have a road alignment. Years ago it was thought that such a road might be going through Eden Institute, and on that basis we would have been willing to move them."

—Becky Melvin

COMPETING FOR A CAUSE: A 22-person dragon boat crew races toward the finish line in a 500-meter race on Lake Mercer Sunday. The second Breast Cancer Survivors Dragon Boat Festival for the Eastern U.S. region raised money for the Princeton Warriors, a dragon boat team of local breast cancer survivors. (Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

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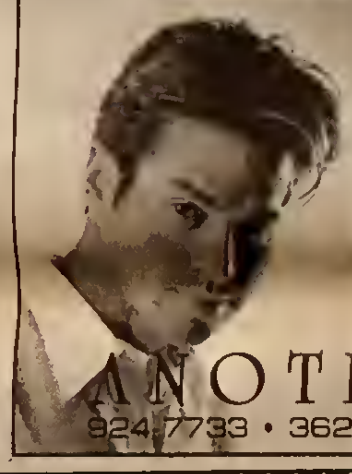
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Registrations Ongoing At Mercer County College

It's enrollment time again at Mercer County Community College, with classes set to begin September 2. Registration for the fall semester is running well ahead of last year's pace. Summer enrollment at the college reached a new high this year, up by 6%, with the number of credits taken up by 11%.

New opportunities offered this fall at MCCC include an Associate in Arts degree in Communication: Speech and Theatre, and a new certificate of proficiency program in applied photography.

Now beginning its second year, the utility technology associate degree program, offered in partnership with PSE&G, is preparing students for careers in the field. It offers a paid summer internship with the utility company.

While many degree programs at the college are designed for entry into a career field, others prepare students to transfer into the junior year at a four-year college. MCCC holds dual admissions agreements with Rutgers, Rider, The College of New Jersey, Montclair and NJIT, and its credits transfer to other colleges nationwide.

More than half of Mercer's graduates continue their education in bachelor's degree programs. In all, MCCC offers 63 associate degree majors, including health careers such as medical lab technology, business programs, information technology, engineering, the liberal arts and sciences, radio and television, the visual and performing arts, and architecture. Programs unique to the region include aviation, horticulture and funeral service.

The College also offers distance learning through The Virtual Campus via the Internet and cable TV. Classes meet days and evenings on both campuses, and lunchtime courses are offered in downtown Trenton.

"Fast Track" courses consolidate a full semester into seven or ten-week sessions. Students may be eligible for "Credits for Life Experience," which are awarded on an individual basis for prior training, personal study, completion of a proprietary school program or military service.

Fall registration is available now in person at the West Windsor Campus, 1200 Old Trenton Road, or the Kerney Campus, North Broad and Academy Streets, Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (until 5 p.m. after Aug.18). Registration will also take place at the Quakerbridge Mall on August 14 and 15, 3:30 to 9 p.m. Saturday registration on campus will be held on August 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The last day to register without late fees is August 26. Online registration is available to previously registered students at www.mccc.edu. New students should call (609) 586-0505.

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— Marie Galastro, Princeton-Kingston Road

"I'm a retired New Jersey school teacher. Before I left high school, I dreamed of teaching and living overseas. I waited almost forty years to do it, and then I did it. I just got back from two years teaching in Guadalajara, Mexico, and I'm looking for work right now. I hope to find a teaching position ... best job in the world." *— Hugh Goodheart, Sayre Drive*

"I'm enlisting into the Army. You've got benefits, 401K, dental plan, training, education. I want to go there so I can have a college education for architecture. I've designed some homes, and was learning blueprints off a machine. When I saw the World Trade Center, I wanted to be the one who designed [the new plans]." *—Nicole Stigliano, Franklin Terrace*

"I'm doing my dream job, which is to be a storyteller. But it takes some time to get it off the ground, so I'm working on that. I do programs for kids, for the libraries and schools. Right now there are set schools where I go to work regularly, but I'd like to increase the number of places where I do that."

— Tara McGowan, Chicopee Drive

Judge Lifts Restraining Order On PHS Field Surface Installation

There should be no delay in the Princeton High School football team's Fall game schedule. Last Friday, Mercer County Civil Court Judge Raymond A. Hayser lifted a temporary restraining order obtained by The LandTek Group of Amityville, N.Y. to block the installation of an artificial surface on PHS's football field. LandTek was an unsuccessful bidder on the project.

The project is nearing completion, and the field, which will be used by the soccer, lacrosse, and field hockey programs in addition to football, should be ready for the first home game on September 20 against Lawrence High School.

The initial suit was filed by LandTek in May based upon the belief by LandTek that the bid by American Athletic Court, the contractor chosen to install artificial turf at PHS's Harris Stadium, did not meet the bid specifications for the PHS project.

"They sought to rescind the contract awarded to American Athletic Court and sought a court order to be awarded the contract," said David W. Carroll of Parker McCay & Criscuolo in Lawrence, the Princeton Regional School District's lead attorney. "That order was denied." The first hearing was on May 12.

After opening bids for the project in April, a contract was awarded to American Athletic Court, the second lowest bidder, for $714,500 after the district determined at the advice of The Hillier Group - the district's architect - that the bid from the low bidder, Shearon Environmental Design, did not meet bid specifications. The company did not have a New Jersey public works contractor registration certificate. LandTek was the third lowest bidder with a bid proposal of $742,000.

According to Mr. Carroll, after the May hearing Landtek filed another application of the same suit on July 18 in an effort to enjoin American Athletic Court from doing any further work. Judge Hayser granted this injunction before Princeton Regional attorneys went back to court arguing that there was no defect in American Athletic's bid and that the Princeton Regional School District's athletic programs would suffer if the restraining order were not lifted. With fields at both PHS and John Witherspoon Middle School tied up due to the renovations at both schools, the Harris Stadium field is needed more than ever.

Though the restraining order has been lifted, the suit has not yet been settled. Judge Hayser ruled that the lawsuit could continue. The issue of whether AstroPlay, the surface that American Athletic Court plans to use, is complicit with the district's initial bid specifications will be the subject of the next hearing scheduled for September 12.

"The School Board intends to vigorously defend the case," said Mr. Carroll. "This shouldn't impede construction."

—Laura Goldblatt

Rider Professors Receive Nearly $1 Million in Grants

Three biology professors at Rider University — Drs. Julie Drawbridge, Kelly Bidle and Todd Weber — have received National Science Foundation (NSF) three-year grants totaling $842,508 to support their research, and a fourth, Dr. Jonathan Yavelow, has secured a Fannie E. Rippel Foundation grant of $150,000 for equipment to support technology infrastructure in biology.

Overall, six biology professors have totaled more than $3.3 million in research and equipment support over the years. More than $1.2 million support active research.

"This level of funding from outside sources is a validation of the quality of research in the biology department," said Dr. James Riggs, professor of biology and department chair. "These new projects will create many more opportunities for students to engage in meaningful research with dedicated, knowledgeable scientists."

Dr. Drawbridge, of Princeton, associate professor of biology, received a $328,694 grant to continue her studies of cell migration during embryonic kidney duct development.

She studies axolotls, aquatic salamanders, as a model to explore development. Her work seeks to identify and characterize specific cell-surface and guidance molecules involved in kidney duct migration in axolotl embryos. Since 1997, she has received more than $790,000 from NSF, the National Institutes of Health, and New Jersey Commission on Cancer Research.

Dr. Bidle, of Lawrenceville, assistant professor of biology, obtained a $263,769 grant, which includes a $10,000 supplement for student support.

Work in her lab focuses on characterizing salinity-regulated genes in an archaeal halophile, or "ancient, salt-loving" microbe. Halophiles require salt concentrations for growth in excess of 10 times the salinity of seawater and are found in such hostile environments as the Dead Sea and the Great Salt Lake. Her work explores the molecular and genetic mechanisms used by these microbes to survive and thrive under extreme ecological conditions.

Dr. Weber, of Morrisville, Pa., assistant professor of biology, received a $250,045 grant for a project to describe the circadian biological clock activity of spiny mice.

A faculty member since 2001, Dr. Weber notes that the circadian, or daily, rhythms in physiology and behavior are an intrinsic property of all animals. He and his student assistants will monitor the behavioral of spiny mice over extended periods of time and under varied environmental conditions.

A member of the biology department for 21 years, Dr. Yavelow, of West Trenton, has received more than $1.25 million for his cancer research and technology infrastructure. Through his efforts, the department received the $150,000 grant for major equipment and technical support for research.

In addition, Dr. Riggs, of Lambertville, has received $557,267 to support his research of the immune system and aging, and Dr. Jonathan Karp, of Hopewell, associate professor of biopsychology, has totaled $233,246 in funding to study the effects of psychological stress on the immune system and susceptibility to disease.

OUT ON THE TOWN: Shelly Dolan takes her son Elliot, 6, and their border collie, Zack, for an afternoon stroll on Walnut Street Monday. (Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

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Borough Council

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lawsuit to ADR will not only save the Borough continuing legal expenses and eliminate the threat of a negative appellate division decision, but it will dramatize that both the Borough and Concerned Citizens have the best interests of the public at heart."

At the Council meeting, Borough Attorney Michael Herbert cautioned Council members not to respond to the Concerned Citizens' proposal because the matter is under litigation. Council went into closed session at the end of the meeting to discuss its response.

On Friday, Mr. Herbert announced that Council regarded the appearance by representatives of Concerned Citizens [Herbert Hobler introduced Mr. Firestone] as more of a public relations ploy than anything else.

"The case is over as far as we're concerned," he said. We had a full proceeding in trial court and we won there. There were two separate efforts by Concerned Citizens to overturn the trial court's decision on motions. One was summary disposition and one was to stay the bond sale. Both were unsuccessful."

The attorney also said that one can't delegate to arbitration a responsibility vested in the courts, and that the Borough has contractual commitments with Nassau HKT which would be violated through an arbitration process. "We obviously respect the views of Concerned Citizens, but their offer is not to be taken seriously and not accepted," he said.

The complex that Concerned Citizens is attempting to block consists of a 500-space garage, currently under construction, a public plaza, and two five-story apartment buildings with street-floor retail space. They will rise on the two Borough-owned parking lots on either side of Spring Street.

In a related action, Borough administrator Robert Bruschi reported that the $13.5 million in bonds needed to finance the redevelopment project were sold at 4.3 percent interest. He said original estimates were 4.75 percent, and that the lower interest rate will enable the Borough to save about $250,000 over the long term. The development complex bonds were part of a $27,567,000 bond issue that also included more than $13 million in general improvement bonds.

Moody's Investor Service recently downgraded the Borough's bond rating from Aa1 to Aa2, something Mr. Bruschi said he did not think affected the interest rate. He said the downgrading resulted from Moody's position that the Borough should have more surplus on hand.

"In lieu of having surplus, we've used that money to reduce taxes," said Mr. Bruschi. "Moody's believes we should be relying more on tax increases and thus building our surplus. This is not the path we've chosen."

He does not anticipate a change in the Borough's philosophy of using surplus to reduce tax increases, but feels there might be a happy medium of building surplus without putting additional burdens on the taxpayer. "We're stuck between a rock and a hard place," said Mr. Bruschi. "We try to keep taxes down and draw upon reserves and surplus to mitigate big tax raises.

—Myrna K. Bearse

CancerCare Fund-Raiser Set for September 18

CancerCare's seventh annual WalkNJ for the Mercer/Middlesex area will be held on Thursday, September 18, at Mercer County Park. The one-to-five mile event will begin at the West Picnic Area at 5:30 p.m., with registration beginning at 4:30 p.m. All proceeds from the walk support CancerCare's programs and services in Mercer County.

Sharp Electronics will again be the title sponsor for the fund-raiser.

WalkNJ brings together CancerCare's supporters, survivors, family, friends, and loved ones. "WalkNJ is a special event for CancerCare," said Karen Colimire, executive director of CancerCare of New Jersey. "Not only is this an important fund-raiser, but the event is a great opportunity to inform community members of our free services to cancer patients and their loved ones."

WalkNJ features music, food, entertainment, and prizes for walkers of all ages. The walk follows a scenic path through Mercer County Park and back to the West Picnic Area. Walkers who raise $40 will receive a WalkNJ T-shirt and those who raise $250 will receive a sweatshirt. The top three individual fund-raisers will receive a prize from Sharp Electronics.

All pre-registered walkers are eligible for a door prizes drawing. Pre-registration is available by calling (800) 813-4673, ext. 122, or by visiting www. walknj.org.

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STATE HOUSE INTERN: Princeton resident Lance Krieger took time out recently to meet with Gov. James E. McGreevey. Mr. Krieger, a student at Stanford University, has spent the summer working with the Governor's staff as an intern in the Office to the Counsel of the Governor.

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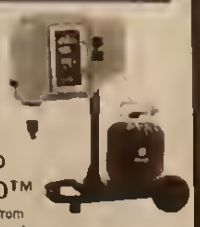

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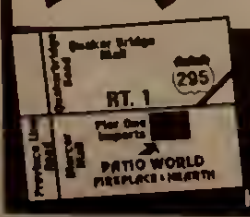

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School Opening

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Outside additions were framed or nearly framed and being readied to attach to existing structures.

At John Witherspoon Middle School, heavy equipment was stationed at the site, the grass was torn up on all four sides of the property, excavation was prepared on one side of the facility, while a mountain of dirt stood on the other side.

The administrative personnel of several schools were being housed temporarily in trailers at the high school to do paper work and other tasks related to preparations for opening day.

"We're meeting about this daily; and monitoring the situation on an hourly basis," Dr. Graber said.

"If we need to — if there's a school that isn't ready — then we will make adjustments," he said. "But the bottom line is that we're prepared to open."

He said the community would be notified of any contingency plans through various means including class lists, the district's web site, and local media.

When asked about conducting school in buildings that are undergoing construction, Dr. Graber stressed that student safety continues to be the first priority of the school board and administrators.

He mentioned that last spring, construction was underway at the middle school, and construction crews, staff, students, and administration worked together through it.

"I was not aware of any serious problems," he said.

Conversations with school district personnel indicate that the people who fill these buildings in September are ready to go. Asked whether the facilities will be ready, several responded, "That's what they're telling us."

—Becky Melvin

PHS Class of 1973 Plans 30th Reunion

The Princeton High School Class of 1973 will hold a 30th reunion dinner on November 29 at the Radisson Hotel. Discounted rates at the hotel are available for out-of-town guests.

Reunion organizers are searching for classmates both in and out of the area. "Missing" classmates, or those who may have changed their addresses since the 2000 Alumni Directory Book, are urged to contact Liz Davies at lizgarmandavies @adelphia.net. Information may also be sent to Princeton High School 30th Class Reunion, P.O. Box 1572, Cranford 07016.

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It's Back to the Drawing Board For the Springdale Golf Club

Springdale Golf Club officials met with the Princeton Site Plan Review Advisory Board (SPRAB) last Wednesday to seek approval for site improvements to the club, located on College Road in Princeton Township.

But Springdale attorney Alan Frank and Princeton Horticulture Services owner Rick Henkel, who presented to SPRAB, faced sharp criticism of the plan, which calls for the removal of approximately 1200 trees to accommodate a new clubhouse, driving range, and related facilities. Princeton arborist Gary O'Neil identified 650 of the affected trees to be 8-inch caliper or greater.

The main features of the development plan submitted to SPRAB originally included a 24,750 square foot clubhouse, a driving range approximately 900 yards in length, parking lots, and a limited use access road off of Springdale Road to be used by emergency vehicles.

However, Springdale engineers have recently reduced the size of the clubhouse to less than 16,000 square feet by removing the basement level. This change will not affect the footprint of the building or lessen the forest removal.

The clubhouse will be built on the area occupied by the current driving range, and Springdale will construct a new driving range adjacent to the Lawrence Apartments. The old clubhouse will revert to the University for reuse.

The club, which leases 201 acres from Princeton University, cited the need for extensive and costly renovations to the existing clubhouse and the possibility that Princeton University may want to develop a building in that location as the main reasons they need to construct a new clubhouse.

Mr. Frank explained that they did not want to invest a considerable sum of money into a location that was not permanent.

But the main concern of several SPRAB members was not the construction of a new clubhouse and driving range, but the number of trees targeted for removal. To create a new driving range, Springdale will remove approximately 1200 trees, half of which are secondary growth and include very large specimen oaks and trees that are rare to Princeton Township.

According to Township Engineer Robert Kiser, Springdale has not included a mitigation plan to compensate for the loss of trees, except for 36 three to three and one half-inch caliper shade trees to be planted in the proposed parking lot in accordance with Township ordinances.

Mr. Kiser recommends that Springdale submit a mitigation plan similar to the one created by Princeton University when it removed a similar number of trees to build the extension to the Lawrence apartments.

But simply replanting trees is not enough to compensate for the loss of a large mass of forest, argued Environmental Commission Representative Barbara Simpson.

Princeton University Director of Physical Planning Jon Hlafter said that there has always been an "ebb and flow of trees in this country," and that due to the Lawrence Apartment project, there are more trees in Princeton Township than before.

Ms. Simpson reiterated, "[Springdale] is not looking at the value of wildlife and a forest — simply planting more trees can not replace a forest."

At the core of the SPRAB's objections was what many members saw as an "incomplete plan" being presented to them. They argued that the plans did not reflect the changes that Mr. Frank and Mr. Henkel were telling the board that Springdale has made, specifically the partial grading of the driving range, which would enable Springdale to preserve some of the large oaks at the far end of the proposed range. Mr. Henkel could not estimate how many trees will be saved by not contouring.

SPRAB Vice Chair Harry Cooke then told the Springdale representatives that they needed to redraw the plan and stressed, "We cannot vote on a plan that we cannot see."

Mr. Frank agreed that there was a disconnect between what Springdale is planning and what SPRAB is seeing.

But for SPRAB member Louise Schiller, the changes she wanted to see were the re-design of the layout to preserve as much forest as possible.

"I'm concerned that Springdale will do all that work and that we still will not be happy they are cutting down all those trees to build a bigger clubhouse," she explained.

Mr. Frank said that Springdale has a right to develop the property in accordance with zoning and, while they will be happy to talk about mitigation, they had a right to develop that land.

Mr. Frank summed up the meeting by agreeing to all parts of the engineering report not related to the trees and suggested that Springdale should redo the grading plan and return at a later date so that SPRAB can properly evaluate the impacts and properly vote on the plans.

"The new plan will show fewer impacts," he assured SPRAB members.

—Liane Yvkoff

Community Foundation Seeking Grant Proposals

The Princeton Area Community Foundation (PACF) is now accepting proposals for funding from public benefit (nonprofit) organizations serving the people of greater Mercer County. The deadline for fall Greater Mercer Grants is Friday, September 19, for consideration for a December grant.

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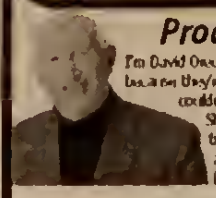

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CAMPING OUT: Stranded commuters crowd a Grand Central Station entry hall, where a pair of lights powered by a generator allowed transit officials to open the entryway to roughly 150 people. Many more spent the night on the sidewalks outside the station. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

LOSING THE LIGHT: People walking home along the Hudson River pause to rest in lower Manhattan, as the sun sets over dark high-rises across the river in New Jersey. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

NYC Blackout

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first group mobbed the bus stops, eyed the street for non-existent empty taxis, and mauled each other trying to get a spot on a bus when one that was only 90 percent full finally pulled over. The second group looked at the bus stops, shrugged its collective shoulders, and began walking home, even if home was a river and a borough away.

The third group couldn't be bothered with any of that. It went to the nearest bar, grabbed a beer, and enjoyed the impromptu city-wide block party.

I took a long circuitous route uptown, walking east or west when I found something interesting. On North Moore Street, two bars on opposite sides of the street had moved their operations onto the sidewalks. In between, a large-scale frisbee game had developed, with two teams hurling six or eight frisbees back and forth. Bar-goers watched the game while lounging in plush arm chairs on the sidewalk, drinking beers chilling in champagne buckets.

For a while, I joined the crowds walking home along the Hudson River with the sun setting behind the dark high-rises of northern New Jersey.

MAKING THE BEST OF IT: Patrons of The Bubble, a bar on North Moore Street in Greenwich Village, enjoy a sidewalk happy hour Thursday, after large portions of the Northeast United States and neighboring areas of Canada lost power. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

As darkness fell, I turned in to Greenwich Village and headed crosstown to meet a friend and seek out a still-cold beer and a much-needed rest.

Although lit only by occasional car headlights, the streets were thick with pedestrians, and residents and their friends crowded onto stoops and fire escapes. On Christopher Street, two men played Scrabble by the light of a chest-high candelabra.

Strangers started easy conversations while waiting together at bus stops or shopping by flashlight in the small delis and markets, many of which stayed open until midnight or later.

"This is the way New York should be all the time," was a common sentiment, at least among people at candle-lit sidewalk bars.

We sat on the curb and looked up at the stars, in a sky that was for once deep blue rather than light purple. Until a bus sped by, spitting dirt into our eyes and beers and reminding us, with a shock, that we were in the city.

At 2 a.m., I took a walk on 42nd Street, to investigate the fate of commuters and tourists stuck in the city. Clusters of sleeping commuters dotted the sidewalks and curbs near Grand Central Station. One station entryway, lit with a pair of high-wattage generator lights, was packed with commuters attempting to sleep or read. Some people even lay on top of the escalators that plunged into the darkness of an internal subway entrance.

A hundred yards down the street, a Red Cross Disaster Services truck dispensed water in paper cups outside the Grand Hyatt. In a hotel vestibule, two dozen lucky people slept sitting up in chairs or on their sides like sardines on the floor.

People were remarkably uncomplaining. It may just be that by 2 a.m. they were too tired to complain. But from what I had seen, most people reacted to the blackout with patience and good humor. After all, if it wasn't terrorism, it wasn't that bad.

When I eventually reached the building where I was staying, I was met at the door by complete darkness and a droning alarm. With no power, the building's only functioning device was the battery-powered alarm on the door leading to the roof. Tenants escaping stuffy apartments to sleep on the roof had unwittingly activated it. When the batteries finally died just before 3 a.m, the noise was replaced by the hum of crickets.

The next morning, much of the city slept in. Alarms didn't go off. No one knew if their office had power. And besides, plenty of people had hangovers to consider. I met briefly with my class outside the International Center of Photography school on Sixth Avenue, but like most offices and larger stores, the school was closed, and our final day of class was cancelled.

With the subways shut down, buses weren't charging, so I set out to investigate the effects of the blackout by bus and on foot. Other New Yorkers, driven by curiosity or the desire for bus air conditioning, had the same idea.

Power slowly returned to neighborhoods throughout the day, and several times I found myself suddenly surrounded by working street and store lights when a minute before there had been none. Nobody wanted to spend another night without power, but few New Yorkers were complaining about their unexpected three-day weekend.

Walking through Union Square, I heard a woman calling out that the power was back on and pointing to traffic lights on nearby streets. A few of the hundred people nearby clapped and cheered, but most seemed content to continue lying in the sun.

—Rebecca Blackwell

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The new Bariatric Surgery Program — under the medical direction of a nationally-renowned bariatric surgeon, researcher, and professor, Dr. Robert E. Brolin, and his associate, Dr. David S. Tichansky — is the first of its kind in Mercer County.

Weight-loss surgery, known as bariatric surgery, is an advanced clinical treatment for curing morbid obesity and overcoming the most damaging health effects of being overweight.

According to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), an estimated 5 to 10 million American adults are morbidly obese. Such patients who have been unsuccessful with non-surgical treatment options including diet or behavior modification and regular exercise can now opt for a program that offers a full continuum of care, from screening and prep work to surgery and long-term follow-up.

During his more than 22 years of experience in bariatric surgery, Dr. Brolin has performed over 2,000 bariatric operations. He has written extensively on the topic, served as the surgical expert for numerous television programs, is past President of the American Society of Bariatric Surgery (ASBS), and has participated in an NIH Consensus Development Panel on Gastrointestonal Surgery for Severe Obesity.

"I chose to establish this Bariatric Surgery program at University Medical Center at Princeton because it is an institution that provides exceptional clinical care and has a staff of highly qualified physicians," said Dr. Brolin. "I knew that I would be working together with knowledgeable and skilled nurses and other healthcare professionals who share my deep commitment to my patients."

"University Medical Center at Princeton is pleased to provide this important service to our patients, and we are proud to welcome Dr. Brolin and his team to our staff," stated Barry S. Rabner, president and CEO of Princeton HealthCare System. "We know that, together, we can make a difference in the quality of life for many people in the communities we serve."

The Bariatric Surgery team at University Medical Center at Princeton consists of highly skilled surgeons, nurse practitioners who handle health care assessments and follow-up, registered dieticians who assist with adjustment to new eating challenges, and psychologists who offer counseling services.

The ASBS describes two approaches to the surgery: restrictive procedures in which a smaller upper stomach pouch is created and malabsorptive procedures in which the digestion process is altered.

Most patients can expect a hospital stay of two to four days for a laparoscopic procedure and three to five days for an open procedure. Most patients return to work and all levels of pre-surgery activity within three to six weeks.

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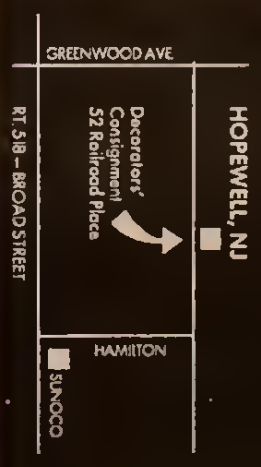

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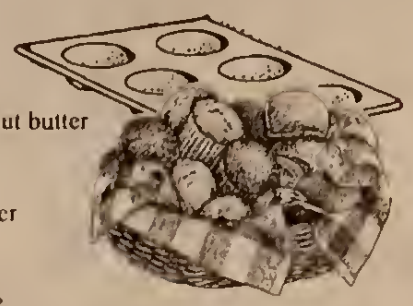

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Greater Mercer TMA Offers Commuter Incentive Plan

In an effort to get New Jersey commuters involved in healthy commuting, the Greater Mercer Transportation Management Association (TMA) has introduced Workout to Work, an incentive program that promotes bicycle riding as a primary means of commuter transportation. Designed to relieve traffic congestion, the program proposes a healthy alternative to sitting in a car on a daily basis.

Workout To Work is geared toward commuters who live within ten miles of their worksite or public transit. Upon registration, participants are provided with commuter tips, a customized map of their commuting area, suggested routes, discount coupons, and safety information.

Recent studies show that 15 percent of the average American's annual income is spent on transportation-related costs, an expense that exceeds that of annual food costs. Officials have also found tailpipe emissions to be the number one source of air pollution in the U.S. Pollution levels are therefore higher for short car trips because cars emit three times more pollution at ignition. Because the program is geared toward commuters who live close to their worksites, the goal is to reduce high-toxin, short-commute emission levels.

TMA is also courting area employers to feature the program as part of a corporate event. Employers are encouraged to offer their own rewards in addition to the commuter miles TMA tracks online.

For more information on the Workout to Work incentive program, call (609) 452-1491 or visit www.gmtma.org.

LEARNING ABOUT THE LAW: Students from an English as a Second Language program at the YWCA Princeton recently toured the Princeton Borough Police Department and learned about police work from Officer William Perez, left, the Borough's Officer of the Year. Shown with Mr. Perez, from left, are Princeton resident Edelyne Nabosse, originally of Haiti; Monmouth Junction resident Toshiko Shimizu, originally of Japan; and Princeton resident Maria Almeida, originally of Brazil.

Gourmet Coffee House To Open in Montgomery

A new coffee shop in Skillman, Orpha's Coffee House, will host a grand opening event on Saturday, August 30, from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The coffee shop is located in the Village Shopper Mall on Route 206, across from Montgomery Center.

In addition to coffee, Orpha's Coffee House offers gourmet pastries, smoothies, and herbal tea and juice drinks.

In-store sampling for the opening will feature international coffees, lattes, herbal and green teas, coffee cakes, and muffins. Gourmet soups will be available during lunchtime.

The coffee house is owned by husband and wife Linda Grimsley and Patricio Abarca. The couple has lived and worked abroad, and hopes to bring the global influence of their travels to their new enterprise.

Operating hours are Mondays through Thursdays from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m., and Fridays from 6:30 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. Weekend hours are Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

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CLUBS

The **YWCA Princeton Newcomers' Club** will start its 2003-04 season Thursday, August 21 at 9:30 a.m. with a social coffee at the YWCA's Bramwell House. On Friday, September 12 at 11:45 a.m., the club will hold its first general meeting of the season at the YWCA. Membership is open to all newly arrived residents in Princeton or surrounding areas.

The September general meeting will introduce members to 35 special interest groups including bridge, creative writing, art, Princeton history, books, gardening, golf, outdoor adventures, and couples' activities, to name a few.

Meetings are held on the second Friday of every month in the General Purpose room of the Princeton YWCA. They start at 11:45 a.m. and include lunch for a nominal fee. Babes in arms are welcome. Social coffees are also held on the third Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m., usually at the Bramwell House.

Newcomers' Club membership requires concurrent membership in the YWCA. For more information, call (609) 497-2100 or visit www.ywcaprinceton.org/newcomers.html.

The **West Windsor Keenagers Senior Citizen Club** will host a program of show tunes from the '70s at its August 28 meeting. The program will begin at 7 p.m. following a picnic starting at 5:30 p.m. and a brief business meeting.

Ted Odten and Michael Kowanaky, radio personalities who host a show on WWFM, 89.1 FM, will present the music.

Members are asked to bring appetizers, salads, or desserts for the picnic; hot dogs and hamburgers will be supplied by the club.

The club is open to seniors 55 or older. Meetings are potluck suppers and are held at the West Windsor Senior Center on the fourth Thursday of the month beginning at 5:30 p.m.

For information or reservations, call Ruth Boyd at (609) 799-0211.

CHESSforum

An Opening Novelty

The Sveshnikov (or Pelikan) Variation of the Sicilian Defense seems to defy universal positional principles of chess. The thrust 5...e5 automatically creates a backward d-pawn as well as a big hole on d5 for white's knight to inhabit.

While the variation was sparsely employed before its revival in the seventies and eighties, chess theorists and grandmasters discovered the dynamic potential of this awkward opening during that time period.

In the main line, black has the positional disadvantages mentioned above plus doubled f-pawns. It was the realization that these pawns could be liquidated with the dynamic thrust ...f5 which proved this variation's ability to challenge white. Since then, many strong players have adopted the 7.Nd5 variation for white as KJP does in this week's featured game. This sideline avoids allowing black the f-pawn break and instead seeks to take full advantage of the backward d-pawn and whole on d5.

After researching this opening, I have found no evidence of 12...e4 which Shiva plays here. This novelty could mean major changes for this opening system. In the pawn structure that results, black seems to have all of the play.

The squares c5 and d3 are excellent posts for black's knight. The dark-squared bishop blazes down the long diagonal, and the light-squared bishop can be placed on a6 to pressure the c4 pawn. Not to mention the endgame advantage of a protected passed pawn.

Shiva misses his chance to take the initiative with 15...Bxc3! This creates doubled white c-pawns and increases the possible effectiveness of ...Ba6. The continuation might be 16.bxc3 Qa5 17.Be3 (17.Qd4 Nc5 18.gxf5 Nb3) 17...Qxc3 18.Bd4 Qh3 and black is better.

KJP makes his final mistake with 28.Nd4?

Solution at bottom
White to mate in two.

Blockading black's e-pawn is essential to holding the white position together. Black has difficulty trying to dislodge the bishop from e3, but this move is an invitation to trade and then push the e-pawn, opening the long diagonal to the white king.

—Chad Lieberman

KJP (2092) - Shiva (2102)
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1.e4	c5
2.Nf3	Nc6
3.d4	cxd4
4.Nxd4	Nf6
5.Nc3	e5
6.Ndb5	d6
7.Nd5	Nxd5
8.exd5	Nb8
9.c4	Be7
10.Bd3	0-0
11.0-0	f5
12.f4	e4
13.Be2	Bf6
14.Nc3	Nd7
15.g4	g6
16.Be3	b6
17.Rc1	a5
18.Kh1	Nc5
19.Rg1	Qe7
20.gxf5	Bxf5
21.Bg4	Bxg4
22.Qxg4	Nd3
23.Rc2	Bg7
24.b3	Nb4
25.Rcc1	Nd3
26.Rc2	Rf5
27.Ne2	Raf8
28.Nd4	Bxd4
29.Bxd4	e3
30.Kg2	Qe4+

White resigns

Solution: 1.Qxh7+ Kxh7 2.Nf7#

YMCA GREETS TIGGER: The Teddy Bear toddler class at the Princeton Family YMCA enjoyed breakfast recently with Tigger the Tiger during their summer camp program. Children ate, played and chatted with the Winnie the Pooh storybook character, YMCA executive Tim Kerrihard, shown here playing with toddler Jason Carrillo.

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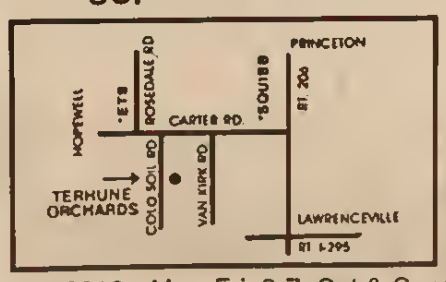

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10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
11:00 a.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.
1:00 p.m. Blood Pressure; SC.
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.

Thursday, August 21:
9:00 a.m. Tow Path Stroll; Washington Rd. & Tow Path.
11:00 a.m. Yoga; SPC.
1:00 p.m. Art Studio; SPC.
3.00 p.m. Afternoon Tea; SPC.

Friday, August 22:
9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPC.
10:45 a.m. Ping Pong; SPC.

Monday, August 25:
9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPC.
11:15 a.m. Chair Exercise; SPC.
1:30 p.m. The Wonder of Wordplay w/ Rice Lyons; RC.

Tuesday, August 26:
9:00 a.m. Tow Path Stroll; Washington Road & Tow Path.
12:30 p.m. Social Bridge; SPC.
12:30 p.m. Game Afternoon; SPC.
1:00 p.m. Computer Lab; SPC.

Wednesday, August 27:
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Wednesday, August 20

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8 to 10:30 p.m.: Princeton Country Dancers, Suzanne Patterson Center, Monument Drive.

Thursday, August 21

1 to 6 p.m.: American Red Cross of Central New Jersey blood drive; 707 Alexander Road, Suite 101. Call (609) 951-2119 for appointment.

7 p.m.: Jazz, with Wilbo Wright and Friends; Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton.

Saturday, August 23

Noon: 19th Annual Old-Time Fiddle Contest; Howell Living History Farm.

7 p.m.: Folksinger Jodee James; Mercer County Park, West Windsor.

8 to 11 p.m.: Princeton Country Dancers, Suzanne Patterson Center, Monument Drive.

Sunday, August 24

1 p.m.: Carillon Concert; Cleveland Tower, Princeton University Graduate School.

Monday, August 25
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Wednesday, August 27

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8 to 10:30 p.m.: Princeton Country Dancers, Suzanne Patterson Center, Monument Drive.

Thursday, August 28

7 p.m.: "Celtic Night," traditional Celtic music; Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton.

SUMMER TRAFFIC: Siblings Ramu, right, and Megha Jonnalagadda of South Brunswick paddle their canoe past a raft carrying Piscataway resident Syed Kazmi, left; his daughter, Maha, 10; and his cousin, Saad Ahmad, 14, on Lake Carnegie. The lakeside park along Princeton-Kingston Road was a popular destination Monday afternoon as fishermen, boaters, and families mingled on shore, in the docks, and in the water. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

8 p.m.: Borough Zoning Board of Adjustment; Borough Hall.

Friday, August 29

8 p.m.: New York Metropolitan Opera, *Turandot*; Buccleuch Park, New Brunswick. Free.

8 p.m.: *The Spitfire Grill*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 30

7 p.m.: Hal Davis, Doctors of Rhythm Dixieland Band; Mercer County Park, West Windsor.

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• *WBZN En Español,* new tape. Wednesday to Tuesday at 5:15 p.m.

• *RealFaith TV. "Anorexia/Bulimia,"* series for teenagers produced by The Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton. Wednesday to Sunday at 5:45 p.m.

• *Meet the Mayor.* Borough Mayor Marvin Reed with guests. Topic: Commemorating Mother Jones March of Mill Children. Wednesday to Sunday at 6:45 p.m.

• *"Mother Jones in Tiger Park,"* locally produced by Savanna Jackson. Wednesday to Sunday at 7:10 p.m.

• *A Fistful of P*O*P*C*O*R*N.* Princeton's in-depth movie review. Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Monday at 8 p.m.

• *A Barron Arts Center Concert.* "Stretch-Tet" — produced by Woodndge Television, N.J. Friday and Sunday at 8 p.m.

• *"Franklin D. Roosevelt" by William O'Neill,* Professor of History, Rutgers University — "War, Crisis, and the Presidency," Princeton Adult School Spring 2003 lecture series. Monday to Tuesday at 4 p.m. and 9 p.m.

• *WBZN En Español,* Monday to Tuesday at 6 p.m.

• *International Vision: "Korea,"* produced by Princeton University. Monday to Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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Green Party Candidate for Borough Mayor Offers His Vision for Future of Princeton

Election season is nearly upon us, and despite claims that the primary has already decided everything, Princeton Borough's voters yet have a chance to throw a wrench into the creaking cogs of our democracy. Last year, the Green Party ran alone against the incumbents. This year, I am proud to see other independent candidates joining the fray against the deadlock of Democrats that control Princeton. Marvin Reed's auspicious retirement provides an opportunity to retrench and retool our government. This is exactly what I intend to do if I am elected mayor of Princeton Borough. With so many politicians and planners going on vision quests lately, I thought I should offer my own vision for the future of Princeton. Mine is, admittedly, not as exciting. It is, in fact, more of a commentary on the others. I do not see bypasses, shopping malls, parking garages, and skyscrapers dancing in the air. Instead, I see less development, ideally (perhaps unrealistically) the undoing of previous development, and a return to a stronger community with a more sustainable, higher quality lifestyle.

Questions about the future of towns seem to be code for "what are we going to build?" The construction industry, in collusion with so-called liberal politicians, has attached such warm and fuzzy words as "progress," "development," and "renewal" to their often bankrupt schemes to gut and (profitably) rebuild city centers at taxpayer expense. Infrastructure costs money, and the more of it there is, the less money that is left over for education, mass transit, beautification, and the other social programs vilified by proponents of privatization. Opponents of these construction projects are cast as backward simpletons (dare I say conservatives ?) who are against "progress" and afraid of "change" as though such things were natural, ineluctable processes.

I may not have a grandiose vision of development in Princeton's future, but at least I am not blind to its consequences.

STEVEN J. SYREK
Vandeventer Avenue

Washington Rd. Peak-Hour Travel Delays Projected for Year 2028 Are Miniscule

To the Editor:

It is good that William Wolfe (Mailbox, Aug. 6, 2003) has proposed a design for a roadway alternative for addressing the Penns Neck area congestion problems. However, I wish he had come to some of the Roundtable (RT) meetings to propose his design, where it would have been thoroughly evaluated as were the 19 other designs proposed at the RT. If he had participated at the RT, or had studied the results in the recently released Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), he would have learned that his statement is not true that "Without an East Side Connector there can be no relief to the traffic jams on Washington Road that currently plague Penns Neck residents". According to the DEIS, peak-hour travel delays on Washington Road projected for 2028 are miniscule for most of the alternatives proposed. For example, the intersection delays are 0.3 to 0.4 minutes for all the D alternatives, including D-2. This contrasts with present delays of three minutes and delays projected for 2028 of 16 minutes if the roads are left just as they are today. Thus, the "credible coalition of environmental groups" (Wolfe's phrase) favors D-2 because it provides congestion relief indistinguishable from the alternatives that have an ESC, and it does not impact the Millstone River and the adjacent wild area.

LINCOLN S. HOLLISTER
Ridgeview Road

Development Plans Should Always Save As Many Trees and Woodlands as Possible

To The Editor:

Once again large scale woodland destruction is being proposed, this time on Princeton University land leased to the Springdale Golf Club. This proposal is for destruction of 650 trees over eight inches in diameter and many more if all the trees there were counted. This is so the golf club can build a new club house to replace its existing one on the property between Alexander Street and Springdale Road.

In this continuing pattern of woodland destruction, last summer we saw the University cut down 1,200 trees on 12 acres and many more if the smaller ones were counted. This is adjacent to the Rogers Wildlife Refuge and not far from the golf club proposal. In 2001 the Stuart School cut down 500 of the larger trees and other smaller ones on five acres off The Great Road.

Princeton, and particularly its Planning Board, needs to be more proactive in protecting and replenishing its woodlands which benefit the community greatly in reducing runoff, flooding, and soil erosion, in recharging ground water, in cleaning our air and water, in noise buffering, in climate control to save energy, in protecting habitat and to counterbalance the ever-expanding land cover in buildings and parking areas.

In 2001 the state enacted New Jersey's No Net Loss Act which requires that if trees are cut on state land enough replanting must be done to accomplish "no net loss." Princeton has no such requirement and must rely on the charitable instincts of building applicants. For example, the Stuart School did not do compensatory replanting. Last year the University offered replanting on and off its property in a four-year program.

Even when the forested area is not original or ancient growth, its value lies in the mass and ecological system it creates for the benefits mentioned. The decisions being made case by case to allow wide-scale woodland removal give no consideration to the cumulative effect of these actions. In addition, much of Princeton's understory of new trees has been destroyed by deer, and this effect will be felt for a long time.

Development plans should always save as many trees and woodlands as possible, even if that means more expensive site design. If some cutting is still found to be necessary, we should, as a minimum, have a tree replacement requirement based on international and national formulas or on the state's own No Net Loss Act. Princeton can do better. Let's leave a good legacy for those who follow us.

GRACE SINDEN
Ridgeview Circle

How Can a Property Not Be a Firetrap When It Is Seriously Overcrowded?

To the Editor:

We find Mr. Hillier's letter in Town Topics (July 23) regarding the "rundown, firetrap properties" very interesting. How can a property be anything else but a firetrap and unhealthy when you have 20-30 people living in one house with illegal extension-cord hookups and 20 mattresses in two or three bedrooms? Our governing bodies know this is going on but, Mr. Hillier, they are obviously not going to do anything at all about this. What will it take, another fire and lives lost before they realize that overcrowding needs to be stamped out?

When Mr. Hillier talks about Witherspoon Street being "ripe for planning," is he considering getting rid of the new houses in Shirley Court, Hunan's restaurant, the Forer Pharmacy, the Barsky brothers' new project, and the Houghton building, or is he really just talking about getting rid of all the homeowners' houses? Mr. Hillier, what buildings are you really talking about being torn down to make room for five- or six-story buildings on Witherspoon Street?

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Writing of Young Poets in "Under Age" Transports Reader From the Mundane

To the Editor:

From "fireflies, "feathers," to "average soldiers," (Town Topics, August 6) I was transported from things that dull the mind and deafen the ear in today's world.

Haiku,- "Tsunami" too. What a change from "Yo, what's up."

This generation will bring grace, wisdom and insight to take the future past mediocrity of spirit.

This printed page is a gift and deserves to be wrapped in beautiful paper and ribbons and hand delivered to the community.

JANICE REMERS
Redding Circle

The Shopping Center Could Be Home to A Modest-Sized Branch of the Library

To the Editor:

There is a campaign underway to establish a branch library at the Princeton Shopping Center once the new library is completed. The strong argument for this is easy access and convenient parking for many Township residents. The committee advocating it has pointed out that computerized cataloging lessens the need for a large collection to be housed there. Why not take this to a logical and practical conclusion?

I suggest a compromise in which a modest site be established at the Shopping Center for reserving, picking up, and returning library materials. It could have a number of computer terminals to be used for accessing the catalog and reserving items for delivery to the site. Anyone with home internet access could do the same thing from home. Library items could be returned to this site when due. Staff requirements would be just a few people primarily handling circulation.

Such a site would give patrons the convenience that some Township residents want. It would not give them the opportunity to browse through stacks of books, videos, CDs, and reference materials. But a branch library would provide only limited opportunity for this anyway without costly and impractical duplication of the main collection.

Perhaps this is an idea whose time has come.

JEROME KURSHAN
Random Road

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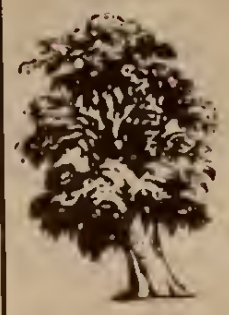

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Zimmerli Museum Sets Fall Exhibition Schedule

The Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum at Rutgers University has announced its fall exhibition schedule.

Beginning September 2 and running through November 21 will be an exhibit of more than 40 works by Jewish artists titled "Soviet Artists, Jewish Imagery: Selections from the Norton and Nancy Dodge Collection of Nonconformist Art from the Soviet Union."

The variety of Jewish themes explored by such diverse artists as Grisha Bruskin, Anatolii Kaplan, Vitaly Komar, Alexander Melamid, Leonid Lamm, Dmitri Lion, and Alek Rapoport range from nostalgic evocations of old-fashioned life in rural villages to scenes evoking the Holocaust and mystical excursions based on Kabbalistic texts. Some works are meant to amuse, others are melancholic, still others appear as challenges to the Soviet regime. The styles and attitudes presented are similarly diverse.

The exhibit offers no single point of view but rather a variety of works embodying different approaches to Jewish themes and, for the artists, varied ways of pursuing their Jewish identities through their art.

Also beginning September 2, and running through January 4, 2004, will be two exhibits—"The Illustrator's World: The Art of Maginel Wright Barney," and "In Focus: Cartoon-ography."

Maginel Wright Enright Barney (1881-1966) earned recognition throughout her career as an illustrator of children's literature and parent- and child-oriented publications. Her earliest children's book illustrations, published during the first decade of the 20th century, complemented the stories of Laura Bancroft, a pen name of L. Frank Baum, creator of *The Wizard of Oz*. Her later illustrations could be found in such children's classics as *Heidi* and *Hans Brinker ond the Silver Skates*.

Ms. Barney's artistic endeavors incorporate her experiences as the daughter of enterprising Welsh-American parents, the sister of architect Frank Lloyd Wright, and parent of Newberry Award-winning author and children's book illustrator Elizabeth Enright. The exhibit, comprising original illustrations and archival materials from the artist's family, reveals not only the artist's versatility as an illustrator but also the influence of her family, upbringing, and travels.

The relationship between "popular culture" and "high art" has been an ongoing topic of debate since the advent of modernism in the mid-19th century. Pop Art is one of the most prominent visual styles to engage this subject directly, but in the past two decades, the use of imagery and styles from the worlds of popular illustration, cartoons and comic books has also enjoyed increased popularity. "In Focus: Cartoon-ography" offers a sampling of such art along with related works from the late 19th century.

As examples of the theme's range, the exhibition includes an illustration by Pierre Bonnard for Alfred Jarry's *Pere Ubu*; a view of urban life by Red Grooms; and a sculptural multiple by Takashi Murikami, an important figure in the contemporary Japanese art movement influenced by the visual style of animated film.

The Zimmerli Art Museum is located at 71 Hamilton Street, New Brunswick.

Festival of the Arts Planned in Plainsboro

Plainsboro's Festival of the Arts, coordinated by the Plainsboro Public Library, is inviting professional artists to join in the annual artistic challenge — a juried show offering unusual parameters and materials.

This year's project is the Great Story Box Challenge. Artists participating in the Festival Gallery show will transform ready-made boxes into works of art which tell a story. The story may be that of a life, a business, a color, or a shape. All styles and media are welcomed, but the box must be an integral part of every creation.

Boxes may be picked up at the Plainsboro Public Library now, and returned to the library by Saturday, September 13. All entries will be arranged on the gallery walls to complement the library's Lenape theme.

Entries in the Great Story Box Challenge will be on exhibit in the Gallery from September 15 through October 4. For gallery hours and directions, call (609) 275-2897.

The Plainsboro Public Library is located at 641 Plainsboro Road.

AT ARTISTS' GALLERY: "Seated Solitude," by Bob Baum, is among the recent 2-D and 3-D works by Mr. Baum and B.A. Keogh that are featured through September 7 at the Artists' Gallery in Lambertville, in an exhibit titled "Alternate Dimensions." Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

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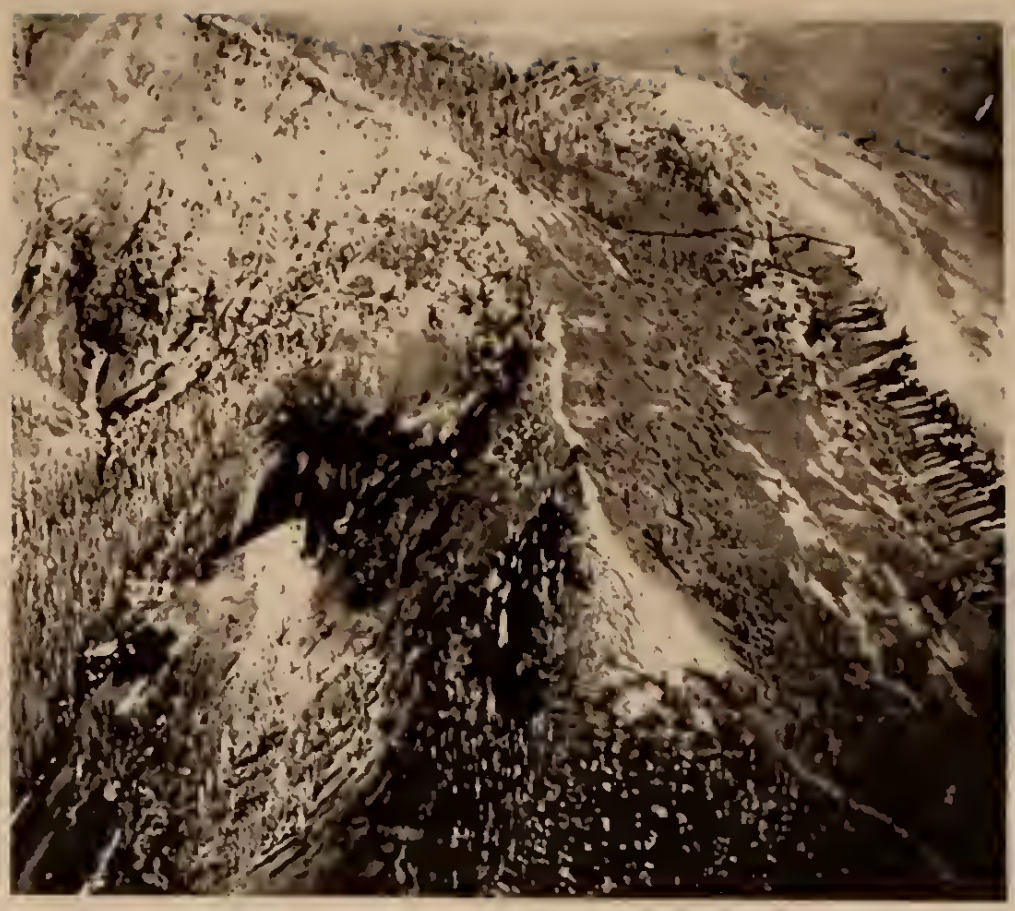

PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE: This painting by Eve Ingalls is part of the "Extreme Landscape" exhibit at the Hunterdon Museum in Clinton until October 4.

TCNJ Art Gallery Slates 2003-04 Exhibit Schedule

The College of New Jersey Art Gallery has announced that it will host seven exhibits during the 2003-04 academic year. All exhibits and opening receptions are free and open to the public.

The Gallery season kicks off with the Art Faculty Exhibition, featuring works in various media by TCNJ faculty, from September 10 through October 8.

The fall semester's major event, "Homer's Odyssey and the Princeton Artists Alliance," will open with a gallery talk at 4 p.m. on October 22 followed by a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. It consists of 24 works of art based on Robert Fagles' translation of Homer's *Odyssey* and created by members of the Princeton Artists Alliance. Each artist has chosen a specific passage and used it for inspiration. The works are in a variety of media including painting, sculpture, photography, and digital art. The exhibit will have an extended stay through December 3, and feature weekly events to accompany the exhibition.

Works of TCNJ fine arts majors will be featured in the BFA Thesis Exhibition, which opens December 5 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and runs through December 16.

The spring semester will open with the Mercer County Photography Exhibition, a juried exhibit of photographs by residents or employees of Mercer County. The exhibit opens January 21, 2004 from 7 to 9 p.m. and runs through February 18.

"National Drawing '04" will open February 25 with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. The juried exhibit features works from across the country and runs through March 31. It will be followed by the Art Student Exhibition, from April 14 through April 18.

The Gallery season will close with the BFA Thesis Exhibition, April 30 through May 7.

The College Art Gallery is located on the first floor of Holman Hall on the TCNJ campus at 2000 Pennington Road, Ewing.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, noon to 3 p.m., Thursday 7 to 9 p.m., and Sunday 1 to 3 p.m. The Gallery is closed during spring break, March 7 through March 14.

Phillips' Mill Art Show Accepting Entries Soon

The 2003 Phillips' Mill Art Exhibit will accept entries on Friday, September 5, from 2 to 8 p.m. and on Saturday, September 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be no advance registration; artists must register on site at these times.

The prospectus may be picked up in advance on Receiving Day at the Mill, or at select locations in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Copies are available in Hopewell at Morpeth Gallery; and in Lambertville at River Run Gallery at the Laceworks, Coryell Gallery, Artsbridge at Canal Studios, and the Hrefna Jonsdottir Gallery. Artists may also call (215) 862-0582 and a prospectus will be mailed.

Jury Day is Sunday, September 7 when jurors will select the art for exhibition and award prizes. Artists are invited to a special reception on Friday, September 19, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Now in its 74th year, the Phillips' Mill art show continues to invite artists living within a 25-mile radius of New Hope to submit their work for jurying. The show presents over $12,000 in patron's awards in the categories of oil painting, watercolor, graphics and sculpture.

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MUSIC & THEATER

Pro Musica Auditioning For Its 25th Season

Princeton Pro Musica is now auditioning volunteer and paid choral singers for its 25th season. The 120-voice chorus, led by founder and music director Frances Fowler Slade, will celebrate its silver anniversary with performances of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony (The "Choral"), Brahms' *Schicksolsfied* (Song of Destiny), Handel's *Messioh*, and Orff's *Cormino Burono*.

The chorus has openings in all voice parts. "Volunteer singers should have choral experience, and sight-reading ability is a plus," said Ms. Slade. "The standards for professional singers are more demanding, but choral experience remains paramount."

To schedule an audition, singers should call Princeton Pro Musica at (609) 683-5122.

Princeton Pro Musica's 2003-04 season will include concerts in Princeton University's Richardson Auditorium, Patriots Theater at the War Memorial Auditorium in Trenton, and Princeton High School Auditorium. The chorus rehearses on Tuesday evenings at All Saints' Church in Princeton.

Formerly on the choral faculty of Rutgers University, Ms. Slade is currently director of music at All Saints' Episcopal Church. She has received many honors, including the Douglass Medal for outstanding service to the Douglass College community at Rutgers University.

Auditions for Fall Shows Planned by Kelsey Theatre

Mercer County Community College's Kelsey Theatre has announced that it will hold auditions for two fall shows, *The Crucibfe* and *Noises Off*.

The Crucibfe, Arthur Miller's drama about the Salem witch trials, will be presented by The Yardley Players from October 31 through November 9. Auditions will be held Saturday, August 23, and Sunday, August 24, from 1 to 5 p.m. The cast includes men ages 25-60, women ages 35-80, and teenage girls 15-19. Auditioners are asked to prepare a two-minute dramatic monologue and to bring a resume and photo if available. Appointments are required. To make an appointment or seek further information, call (609) 637-9237.

Auditions for *Noises Off*, a slapstick comedy to be presented by Pierrot Productions, will be held Sunday, September 7 and Monday, September 8, starting at 7 p.m. Characters for this show range in age from the 20s to the 40s. Auditioners should prepare a one- to three-minute comic monologue and bring a resume and photo if available. Appointments are required. For information and appointments, e-mail Pierrot Info@aol.com or call (609) 658-1233. *Noises Off* will presented from November 14 to 23.

Auditions for both shows will be held at MCCC's West Windsor Campus, 1200 Old Trenton Road. Auditioners should call the Kelsey Theatre for audition locations.

Off-Broadstreet Theatre Offers "The Spitfire Grill"

The musical *The Spitfire Grill* will open at Hopewell's Off-Broadstreet Theatre August 29 for a seven-weekend run.

The play by James Valcq and Fred Alley is based on Lee David Zlotoff's film by the same title. It describes the restaurant owner's decision to give the grill away to the person submitting the most moving essay. In the process, many hearts and minds in the small town are opened to the beauty and love they have around them.

Heading the cast of Off-Broadstreet veterans and newcomers will be Heather Diaforli of Kingston in the lead role as the small town's mysterious newcomer Percy. Ms. Diaforli returns to the area after receiving her M.A. in musical theatre from the Boston Conservatory.

Mary Kemp of Trenton will portray the Spitfire's owner Hannah Ferguson. She was last seen at the Off-Broadstreet Theatre in *The Boker's Wife* and in the comedy *Moon Over Buffofo*. Joe Sutter will play Percy's parole officer; Hillsborough's Walt Cupit will be Sheriff Joe.

The musical will be directed by OBT artistic director Robert Thick. Keyboardist Steve Bearse will double as musical director.

Performances are weekends August 29 through October 11. On Friday and Saturday evenings doors open at 7 p.m. for dessert with curtain at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees feature dessert at 1:30 p.m. with curtain at 2:30.

Admission Friday and Sunday is $22.50; Saturday, $24. A senior citizen discount is available for Sunday matinees. For reservations call (609) 466-2766.

The Off-Broadstreet Theatre is located at 5 South Greenwood Avenue, Hopewell.

Princeton Youth Orchestra To Accept Collegians

The Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra has announced that it is now accepting college students in addition to students entering grades 8 through 12. Entrance at all grade levels is by competitive audition.

The non-profit youth orchestra, now in its 42nd year, performs four major concerts each season. In addition, students benefit from collaborations with professional guest soloists, and opportunities to perform classical as well as contemporary music. Symphony orchestra solo competitions and master classes are offered, as well as opportunities to perform on European tours.

The GPYO is under the direction of Fernando Raucci.

Students wishing to extend their current orchestral training and performance opportunities should contact Malinda Strauss at (609) 936-8700 for further details or to arrange for an audition. More information can be found at www.gpyo.org.

Amateur Instrumentalists Welcomed by Orchestra

Entering its 12th year, the Lawrence Sight-Reading Community Orchestra will begin its new season September 2 at 7:30 p.m., and meet every first and third Tuesday evening through June, 2004. The orchestra is seeking instrumentalists who want to hone their skills playing the standard classical music repertoire.

Music in the orchestra library includes all the major composers plus modern works. Musicians who would like to refresh their talents, or those now learning, are invited to join the orchestra regardless of their level. The sessions are informal and relaxed, with no formal concerts planned, thus avoiding the stress of performances.

The orchestra rehearses at the Lawrence Senior Center, 30 East Darrah Lane, Lawrenceville. On alternate meetings conductor Kyle Skrivanek takes the baton from founder, music director and principal conductor Robert Mueller.

For further information, call Mr. Mueller at (609) 448-2605, or Helen Holms, director of the Senior Center, at (609) 884-7048.

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Police Blotter

Child Endangerment And Assault Charged Against Borough Man

A 42-year-old Princeton man was arrested on August 11 and charged with sexual assault, aggravated criminal sexual contact, and endangering the welfare of a child. The complainant, a Borough resident now 15 years old, alleged that the accused had repeatedly touched her in a sexual manner over a four-year period.

Charged in the incident was Hugo Rene Vega Lazaro, 42, of Witherspoon Street, who was remanded to the Mercer County Correctional Center in lieu of $70,000 bail. No date has yet been set for a hearing in the case by a grand jury.

A 39-year-old Hamilton Township man was the victim of harassment following a traffic incident on Witherspoon Street and Franklin Avenue on August 6. According to police, the victim had been threatened with bodily harm by the suspect during a verbal dispute following the incident. The suspect, described as a muscularly built black male 25-30 years of age, allegedly threatened to shoot the victim. No weapon was shown by the suspect, however.

Another incident of alleged harassment took place on August 17 when a 16-year-old girl was approached on Linden Lane by two men who verbally harassed her. According to police, the suspects, described as two Hispanic men approximately 25 years of age, then fled when the victim screamed for help. No arrests were made.

William L. Banks, 45, of Green Street, was arrested on August 14 after a Borough police officer, responding to a first aid call, determined that the accused was under the influence of a controlled dangerous substance. Following an investigation at the scene in which a quantity of marijuana was found, the officer, Ptl. Ronald Wohlschegel, arrested Mr. Banks on charges of possession of marijuana (less than 50 grams), possession of drug paraphernalia, and being under the influence of a controlled substance. The accused was taken to the Princeton HealthCare System for observation, then released on his own recognizance with a complaint summons. He was assigned a court date of August 25.

A 36-year-old Clay Street resident was the victim of an attempted burglary on August 14 when person(s) unknown cut the screen door on her home and tampered with her windows in an unsuccessful attempt to gain entry into the house.

An Edison man was arrested on August 13 and charged with deflant trespassing and resisting arrest after he allegedly refused to leave Princeton University's Firestone Library when ordered to do so. Victor V. Lisak, 33, had allegedly been warned by a Princeton University proctor, David Tricoche, and a Princeton University Department of Public Safety officer, Marisa Loderhose, that he was trespassing. When he was then placed under arrest and resisted, he was subdued by Mr. Tricoche, Ms. Loderhose, and Borough Police Officer Courtney Heiler, and taken into custody at Borough police headquarters. He was subsequently released with summonses.

A Trenton man found to be driving an unregistered car was stopped on Nassau Street on August 13, then found to be wanted on active motor vehicle warrants. Kevin Andre Dew, 43, was arrested, charged with contempt of court, and turned over to Hamilton Township Police in lieu of $3,250 bail. On August 15, another traffic stop, also on Nassau Street, led to the arrest of Angelo V. Granata, 38, of Franklin Park. Found to be wanted on an active motor vehicle warrant, the accused was arrested and taken to police headquarters, where he was released after posting $1,000 bail.

Seven Births Reported At Princeton Hospital

The Princeton HealthCare System has reported 7 births to area residents in the period ending August 15.

Sons were born to Ronald and Anne Birkland, Princeton, August 7; Michael and Heather Adams, Lawrenceville, August 8; Patrick Yu and Cynthia Zhang, Princeton Junction, August 8; Eugene and Maureen O'Keane, Skillman, August 9; Kevin and Gail Lambert, Princeton, Daniel and Carrie McNulty, Princeton, August 11; and Gary and Katherine Kagan, Princeton, August 12.

A daughter was born to Ashraf Sakr and Naveen Abou-Charbia, Princeton, August 8.

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CINEMA REVIEW — "Open Range"

Costner Recaptures His Earlier Magic With "Open Range"

In 1990, *Donces With Wolves* swept the Oscars, garnering statuettes in seven of the 12 categories for which it was nominated, including Best Picture. That old west epic, based on the novel of the same name by Michael Blake, told the fictional tale of a Union soldier, assigned to a remote outpost after the Civil War, who went AWOL from the Cavalry only to assimilate with more noble Sioux Indians. Its star, Kevin Costner, was showered with nearly unanimous critical acclaim for his brilliant performance and for making a most impressive directorial debut.

CONFLICT AHEAD: A decisive battle looms for freegrazers Charley (Costner, left), Boss (Robert Duvall, center) and Button (Diego Luna), who must also conquer their personal demons.

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Costner also received the only Academy Awards of his career for his work on that opus, and nothing he has done since, either in front of or behind the camera, has generated any further Oscar consideration. Instead, the hunky heartthrob seems to have regressed, directing himself in two of Hollywood's most notable financial fiascos, namely, *Woterworld* (1995) and *The Postman* (1997), which lost more than $200 million combined.

You might think that after all that red ink, he'd have a hard time finding a studio willing to front the money for his fourth directorial project, but the good folks at Disney decided to greenlight *Open Ronge*, another Western set in the late 19th Century. And Kevin delivers, relying on the popular theme of the encroachment of civilization upon the freedom of the carefree cowpoke with less and less room to roam.

Well, one thing's fer sure, pardner, Kevin Costner knows how to make a terrific Western, for *Open Ronge* represents the best example of the genre since..., well since *Donces With Wolves*. Unfortunately, the misleading macho marketing campaign for the movie is likely to dissuade the distaff side of the demographic, for the well-saturated TV commercials imply that the picture's only an old-fashioned shoot 'em up targeted at males.

But Costner, as cattle rustler Charley Waite, plays a complex, calloused though sensitive soul, a man simultaneously tough enough to shoot an ornery hornswoggler right between the eyes, one minute, and compassionate enough to rescue a drowning dog from a raging flood, the next. Or better yet, he's sufficiently in touch with his feelings to woo the Barlow woman (Annette Benning) who happens to be the only attractive female for miles around the tiny town of Harmonville.

Superficially, the storyline reads like a stock, bad blood feud between rival gangs building up to a big showdown. On one side, we have Charlie's free-rangers, the good guys in the proverbial white hats, a quartet of cattle-drivers led by the jut-jawed Boss (Robert Duvall). Their philosophy might be distilled down to the lyrics of "Home on the Range." Thus, they want to make their home "where the buffalo roam and the deer and the antelope play."

This doesn't sit well with the landowning bad guy, Denton Baxter (Michael Gambon) who comes outfitted with a goon squad and a corrupt sheriff, to boot. Even though the script is riddled with cowboy clichés like "Howdy!" and "Much obliged," the dialogue is delivered with such conviction that you never really question its corniness. For this, we have to thank the stellar cast, headed by Oscar-winner Duvall (for *Tender Mercies*) who has that rare ability to elevate the most mediocre of material.

Virtually all the movie was shot on location in Alberta in order to take advantage of the big sky panoramas provided by the captivating expanse of its rugged terrain. As for interior sets, there's the bar, a jail, a barn, and a blacksmith, staples of the pioneer town. But the cinematography is at its best when it stays out of doors. Kudos to Kostner for fashioning a deliberately paced action film that doesn't have the infuriating urgency of a video game.

While equally paying homage to directors Peckinpah, Eastwood, and Kurosawa, what makes *Open Range* special is that it's a love story, too. And one peopled by endearing characters we're inclined to care about when the bloodletting has finally ended.

Excellent (★★★½). Rated R for action violence featuring frontier justice.

—Kam Williams

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Secret Lives of Dentists (R): Fri.-Thrs., 2:20, 4:40, 7, 9:20

Swimming Pool (R): Fri.-Thrs., 2:30, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30

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AT THE CINEMA

American Wedding (R for sex, profanity and crude humor). Jim (Jason Biggs) and Michelle (Alyson Hannigan) are ready to marry, but not before a hedonistic bachelor party thrown by pal Stifler (Seann William Scott) and another awkward father-son moment with his sermonizing dad (Eugene Levy).

Dirty Pretty Things (R for sex, profanity and disturbing images). Brit whodunit, set in London, about an illegal immigrant from Africa who, after stumbling upon a grisly crime scene, teams up with a Turkish maid and a Chinese call girl to solve the murder.

Le Divorce (PG-13 for mature themes and sex content) Kate Hudson and Naomi Watts star as step-sisters in this Merchant-Ivory adaptation of the Diane Johnson novel of the same name about the amorous misadventures of a couple of California girls in Paris. In French and English with subtitles.

Freaky Friday (PG for adult themes and mild epithets). Disney remake of 1977 Jodie Foster film about a tomboy and her widowed mom who end up in each others' bodies after getting a couple of cursed fortune cookies from a meddling waitress at a Chinese restaurant. Decent double-duty by both Jamie Lee Curtis and Lindsay Lohan, the latter having also handled dual roles as the twins at the center of Parent Trap.

Freddy vs Jason (R for pervasive gore, gruesome images, sex, drug use and profanity). Either *A Nightmare on Elm Street* No. 8 or the 11th in the *Friday the 13th* series. Or both. High body-count horror flick pits franchised slashers Jason Vorhees and Freddy Krueger against each other and woe to any pretty coeds who venture between them.

Grind (PG-13 for crude humor, sex content and profanity). Extreme sports road comedy follows the adventures of four skateboard enthusiasts trying to find a sponsor and a share of the limelight.

I Capture the Castle (R for nudity). An adaptation of *I Capture the Castle*, the 1948 British novel by Dodie Smith, author of *101 Dalmotions*. This quirky, romantic comedy, set in the 1930s, involves a British couple who try to marry off their teenage daughters to the American brothers who inherited the castle the family has been squatting in.

Marci X (R for sex and expletives). A cross-cultural comedy with Lisa Kudrow in the title role as a Jewish, hip-hop impresario who has her hands full with Damon Wayans as Dr. Snatchcatcher, her label's most controversial gangsta' rapper and a constant source of embarrassment.

The Medallion (PG-13 for slapstick violence and off-color double entendres). Trademark Jackie Chan action vehicle has the rubber-faced, stunt comic playing a Hong Kong detective who dies in the line of duty only to come back as an immortal superhero.

My Boss's Daughter (PG-13 for crude humor, drug references and profanity). Romantic comedy with Demi Moore boy-toy Ashton Kutcher as a schemer who agrees to house-sit for his abusive employer (Terence Stamp) because of the crush he has on the man's daughter (Tara Reid). Sitcom plot has ensemble cast running interference, including characters played by Carmen Electra, Molly Shannon, Jeffrey Tambor and Andy Richter.

Open Range (R for violence). Kevin Costner directs and stars in this adaptation of *The Open Range Men*, the Lauran Paine novel about a quartet of cattle-herding cowboys in the waning days of the Wild Wild West. With Robert Duvall and Annette Bening.

Pirates of the Coribbean: The Curse of the Block Pearl (PG-13 for action/adventure violence). Disney kiddie fright flick based on its amusement park ride of the same name. 17th Century adventure stars Johnny Depp as a dapper outlaw who teams up with the young daughter of a governor to thwart the plan by a band of zombie buccaneers to undo the curse that has left them lingering in the limbo of the undead.

Seabiscuit (PG-13 for sexual situations and sports-related violence). Jeff Bridges, Tobey Maguire, and Chris Cooper star in adaptation of best seller of the same name by Laura Hillenbrand. True tale of the jockey, trainer and owner of the legendary thoroughbred who won Horse of the Year honors in 1938..

The Secret Lives of Dentists (R for cursing and sexuality). Adaptation of Jane Smiley novella *The Age of Grief*, a drama about a dentist who has to deal with a very dissatisfied patient while worrying about whether his wife is cheating on him.

Spy Kids 3: Game Over (PG for perilous action sequences). *3-D glasses will* enhance your enjoyment of this final installment in the tiny spy franchise. Here, our diminutive heroes find themselves pitted against Sly Stallone as the villain and trapped inside a virtual reality game they must play to escape.

S.W.A.T. (PG-13 for profanity, violence and sexual references). Samuel L. Jackson, in the wake of his success as Shaft, revives another 1970s cop, bringing the short-lived LAPD series to the big screen as an action-oriented crime thriller. Premise situates Sam as veteran police officer assigned to thwart any attempts to take up drug kingpin on his offer of $100 million to anyone who can spring him from prison.

Swimming Pool (R for nudity, profanity, violence and heavy sex content). Erotic thriller with Charlotte Rampling as a British novelist with writer's block who escapes to her publisher's sumptuous summer home in France to find some inspiration for her next murder mystery. She finds more than she bargained for when his reckless daughter arrives whose wild, wanton lifestyle resembles a real-life whodunit. ***Uptown Girls*** (PG-13 for sex content and profanity). Morality comedy with Brittany Murphy as a broke, recently-swindled, N.Y.C. socialite who learns a humbling lesson in life when she takes a job as a nanny for just the sort of spoiled brat she has been.

Whole Rider (PG-13 for profanity and a drug reference). Maori fable set in New Zealand, based on the Witi Ihimaera novel of the same name about a 12-year-old orphan who wants to be the first female chief of a patrilineal tribe. Spunky, women's libber proves her worth by harnessing a humpback for a heck of a Nantucket sleigh-ride.

—Kam Williams

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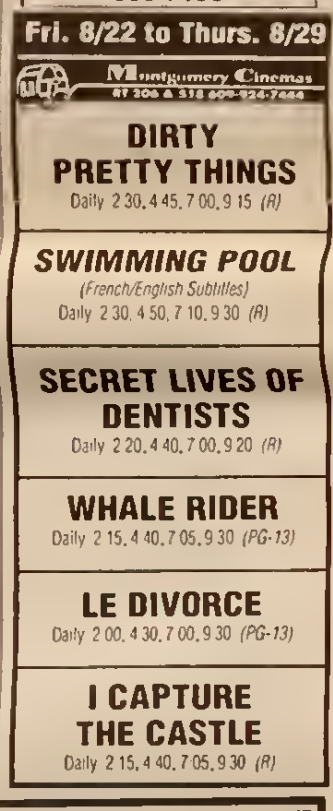

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When Saskia Webber started playing with the Princeton Soccer Association in the late 1970s, she tried her hand at every position on the field.

Webber gradually realized, however, that she got a special pleasure from throwing herself to the ground when playing goalie.

Her predilection for diving combined with her abundant athletic gifts helped vault Webber into the stratosphere of U.S. goalies.

After starring at Princeton High, Webber went up the road to Rutgers University where she was a four-year starter and set school records for shutouts (34) and saves (522) that still stand. Her exploits for the Scarlet Knights earned her a place on the U.S. National Team, a stint that was highlighted by playing on the side that hosted and won the 1999 World Cup.

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Webber moved on to the fledgling Women's United Soccer Association (W.U.S.A.) where she played with the Philadelphia Charge in 2001 before being traded to the New York Power and becoming a mainstay in the net for the Long Island-based franchise.

As she recently wrapped up her second season with the Power, Webber fondly recalled the impact the PSA had on her development as a goalie.

"That was an awesome organization, I was allowed to try anything I wanted, I was never held back or discouraged," said Webber, referring to her days with the PSA which included a lot of action on the organization's travel squads. "I developed a fearlessness in the net, not so much from guts but from a blindness of possible bad things."

Webber's fearlessness held her in good stead this season as she struggled to overcome a preseason injury. "I started off this season a little behind," she added. "I had a torn calf and I had to play catchup."

That injury proved to be only a temporary obstacle for Webber, who went on to play 13 games for the Power this season, posting two shutouts and a 1.52 goals against average. The team ended the season last week with a 7-9-5 mark, leaving it fifth of eight teams thereby missing the playoffs by one place.

"This was definitely my best year in the W.U.S.A.," asserted Webber, 32, who gave up 2.86 goals a game in the 2002 campaign. "Having experience and age always seems to help a goalkeeper. I'm better at directing traffic on the back line. We had a new coach (Tom Sermanni) come in this year and some new players and it took a while to get adjusted to the new system."

In Webber's view, her PHS experience helped supply her with the versatility to make adjustments. "It was a small school with a close-knit community that was like family," said Webber, whose family still lives in Princeton prompting her to visit town frequently. "If you weren't playing soccer you were playing field hockey or lacrosse. I loved the competitiveness of our teams."

She found a similar camaraderie at Rutgers. "That was not a tough transition for me," said Webber, who became the first women's soccer player to be inducted into Rutgers Athletics Hall of Fame and received the additional honor of having her jersey number retired by the school.

"I knew a lot of the girls from travelling so much with soccer. Being on a team, you make friends quickly. Ten years later, I'm still close to a lot of those people. At Rutgers, I took things to a higher level."

The next step for Webber was playing on the U.S. national team, for which she made her debut in 1992. In her eight years with the squad, Webber compiled a 20-4-1 record.

She was a back-up goalie on the storied team that won the 1999 World Cup on U.S. soil, culminating its effort with a thrilling overtime win against China in the title game played at a jam-packed Rose Bowl that attracted the largest TV audience ever for a women's soccer game.

For Webber, being a part of that 1999 soccer phenomenon is her most vivid soccer memory. "I remember the fanaticism of the American fans, it was incredible," said Webber, who started six games in the run-up to the competition, posting a 5-0-1 mark in those appearances.

"It was the culmination of a lot of hard work for me, I'd been playing on the U.S. national team on and off for eight years. The title game at the Rose Bowl was just surreal."

With the U.S. hosting the upcoming World Cup, Webber has no mixed feelings even though she's now on the outside looking in. "I'm so pysched for them, I still have a lot of friends on the team," explained Webber, who last appeared for the U.S. team in 2000.

"I wish them all the luck in the world. I'd be selfish to be bittersweet about their opportunity. I've been in two World Cups and I've been an altemate at the Olympics so I've done a lot in soccer."

Webber is looking to do just a little bit more in the game. "I want to win a W.U.S.A. championship," said Webber, who plans to get into broadcasting or acting after hanging up her cleats. "I was a back-up in 1995 and 1999 for the World Cup. I want to be on the field when my team wins a title."

For a person whose love affair with goalkeeping was spawned by sprawling on the turf, the desire to be in the middle of the action comes as no surprise.

—Bill Alden

POWERBROKER: New York Power goalkeeper Saskia Webber directs her defense earlier this season in Women's United Soccer Association (W.U.S.A.) play. Webber, a 1989 graduate of Princeton High and a former member of the U.S. National Team, posted a 1.52 goals against average this season.

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Wells' Summer Break Proves No Holiday As He Pursues Dual Sporting Passions

DOUBLE DUTY: Princeton resident and Rutgers University junior David Wells shows his dual sports focus as he recently took a respite from training. Wells, a PHS alum and a member of the Scarlet Knight heavyweight crew program, won a coxless pairs competition in Reading, England earlier this summer and later made to the semifinals of the Henley Regatta in the event. Upon returning from England, he went on a 7-day, 500-mile bike tour in Canada. Later this month, he competes in the USCF National Track Cycling Championships. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

For many college kids, the summer is traditionally the time to kick back, relax, and take a break from the rigors of academia.

Rutgers University junior and Princeton resident David Wells, however, took a slightly different approach to his summer break this year as he took to the road vigorously pursuing his varied sporting passions.

After finishing his sophomore year, Wells jetted to England with the Scarlet Knight varsity heavyweight crew team. Competing in the coxless pairs competition at the Reading Town Regatta, Wells combined with teammate Chris Sullivan to win the event.

Wells and Sullivan then went on to the storied Henley Regatta on the Thames River west of London and reached the semis of the coxless pairs there, falling to a boat from Princeton University which ended up winning the competition.

Upon arriving back in the U.S., Wells put away his oar and hit the road with his bicycle. In late July he traveled to Canada and took part in a 7-day, 500-mile bike tour sponsored by the International Society of Arboriculture.

As Wells recently reflected on the athletic carousel he has been on this summer, he acknowledged that he thrives on keeping busy.

"I've had only four days off from training in the past year and a half," said Wells, a Princeton High graduate who is studying Plant Science at Rutgers' Cook College. "I took two days off after getting back from England and I got a little antsy. I'm a little tired from everything but it has been exciting."

Wells' love of endurance sports started in 1999 when he got into bicycle racing with the encouragement of Charles Kuhn of Kopp's Cycles.

"Charlie set me up with a bike and suggested that I try some races," recalled Wells, who has done the bulk of his bike racing at the Lehigh Valley Velodrome near Allentown, Pa.

"I've been racing for four years. I've been in something like 10-30 races a year at distances from 200 meters to 20 kilometers."

Wells' experience in the intense, unforgiving world of track cycling helped make his recent Canadian adven- ture go smoothly.

"I'm not too sore, I'm used to that from the velodrome," explained Wells. "We averaged 80-120 miles a day on the tour. We actually started in Stowe, Vt. with some great hills there."

It was a forced absence from the bike that led Wells to add rowing to his endurance portfolio. "In my freshman year at Rutgers, they wouldn't let me keep my bike in the dorm so I took it home," recalled the 6'6 Wells. "Some of the guys from the crew team saw me around and said I should try out. I guess I needed the pain I was missing from the bike so I gave it a try."

Wells quickly found that crew satisfied his need for an endurance fix. "I adapted to it well, I was used to the power needed in crew racing," said Wells. "In the fall they introduce you to the boats. In the winter they try to beat you into shape. Some of the workouts are fun but it gets tough at times."

The biggest adjustment for Wells, who did not play any team sports at PHS, was learning to rely on others. "On the bike everything is me," added Wells. "In the boat, when something goes wrong, I have to coordinate things with everyone else. Everybody has to work together."

Wells had to master a new form of working together in the boat on his recent journey as he competed in coxless pairs for the first time.

"The first varsity eight was invited to Henley and then Chris and I were selected to come along to compete in the coxless pairs," said Wells, who is working to break into the top heavyweight crew.

"We just got thrown into the pairs. It was tough because without a cox we had to do our own steering. We also needed to learn when to make our moves in the race."

The two obviously learned quickly as they made an immediate impact despite being neophytes. "We went into Reading not knowing what to expect, it was a happy surprise," maintained Wells.

"At Henley, we went back and forth with the Princeton boat in the semis but they just pulled away from us in the last 500 meters. The result was disappointing but we did end up coming closer to them than anyone else."

Wells' sports summer isn't quite finished yet as he will be competing in several events in the upcoming U.S. Cycling Federation National Track Cycling Championships which are being held at the Lehigh Valley Velodrome. "My goal is to medal at the nationals," said Wells, whose highest finish at the competition was sixth.

"I got my volume training in late due to being tied up with crew. I've been working on sprint stuff and getting sharp. August 31 is the last day of the racing. I have Labor Day off and then I start school."

If anyone deserves to take it easy this Labor Day, it is Wells.

— Bill Alden

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Relief pitching has become a prominent part of baseball only in the last few decades. So who holds the mark for the longest relief appearance in major league history? It happened way back in 1915, when George "Zip" Zabel came on to pitch for the Chicago Cubs with two out in the first inning of a game against the Brooklyn Dodgers. Zabel stayed on the mound for eighteen and a third innings to set the record, as the Cubs won the game 4-3 in the bottom of the 19th.

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Speaking of relief pitching, evidence that it became prominent in the majors only in the last several decades is the fact that the save didn't even become an official big league statistic until 1969. So who recorded the first official save? The answer is Bill Singer, who was pitching for the Dodgers at the time. Incidentally, Singer also registered another first, this time as a starter. Singer tossed the inaugural pitch for the Toronto Blue Jays franchise on April 7, 1977 at Exhibition Stadium, a strike to Chicago's Ralph Garr.

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Who is the only pitcher in major league baseball history to strike out more than 3,000 batters while walking fewer than 1,000 in his career? Here are a few hints: He won 284 games over 19 seasons, mostly with the Chicago Cubs, for whom he posted six consecutive 20-win seasons from 1967 through 1972. He won the National League Cy Young Award in 1971, finishing 24-13 with a 2.77 ERA. And he's the only Canadian-born player in the Hall of Fame. The answer is Ferguson Jenkins, who in 2003 was appointed the commissioner of the new AA-level Canadian Baseball League.

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New PDS Football Coach Devlin Looking to Impart Life Lessons

For Bruce Devlin, participating in athletics as he was growing up filled a major void in his life.

Raised by his mother from age one after his father left the family, Devlin, a Ewing native, turned to sports in second grade to help make up for the lack of a constant male influence at home.

No matter what the season, Devlin could be found on a field or in a park playing a sport. Utilizing his speed, Devlin starred at Ewing High as an outfielder in baseball and as a defensive back in football.

After his playing days ended, Devlin stayed connected to athletics, coaching at several levels in Ewing's youth baseball program. In 2000, Devlin became an assistant coach with the Princeton Day School football team. A year later, he was selected to be the head coach of the school's baseball program.

This fall, Devlin is filling a void in the PDS football program as he takes over as head coach, replacing his friend Bill Martin, who resigned from the position last fall after the team posted a 2-6 season.

With practice starting this week, Devlin is looking forward to following in Martin's footsteps. "Billy and I are like brothers," said the down-to-earth Devlin in a recent interview at the PDS rink. "When he told me he was leaving, I wanted to apply for the job because I didn't want the kids to have to start all over again with another coach. The best thing is to give the kids consistency."

Devlin also wants to instill some of the important lessons he has learned from his involvement in football. "Football is unlike any other sport," asserted Devlin with his voice rising and his eyes widening.

"It teaches you life lessons, you're out there on the field with 10 other guys and you all have to do the same thing. The bond you make with these guys is unreal. It teaches you values that you remember all of your life. You're put in situations where you have to count on other people to be on the same page."

Devlin learned a lot about winning as the football teams he played on in his youth didn't lose a game from sixth grade until his junior year in high school. He proudly notes that he was on the Ewing squad that won the Group 3 state title in 1986, an experience he says he'll never forget.

"I played for some real good coaches at Ewing," recalled Devlin, who lives in Ewing with his wife Danielle and their three children, Dallas, age seven, Abigail, five, and Clayton, one.

"I tell these guys today that when you're a kid you don't think these guys know what they're talking about but as you get older you realize that everything they told you is true. Sports have made a big difference in my life."

Based on what he has seen in the PDS students in his three years at the school, Devlin believes his players are open to learning those lessons.

"The kids here are very smart, very respectful, and they want to learn," said Devlin, who works in the school's grounds department when he isn't coaching. "Coming from a public school background everyone told me that the kids here might be spoiled but they're not that way at all. They want to be challenged, they want the hard stuff."

Devlin is going to give it his all to make sure that his players are challenged. "I started working on things during baseball season," explained Devlin. "I started meeting with my defensive coordinator (Scott Rogers) in May. We started meeting as a coaching staff in June. We've got some things ready for the guys."

But with the positive influence sports has had on various aspects of his life, Devlin isn't about to limit his coaching to Xs and Os.

"We also have fun while we're doing it, I get along great with the kids" asserted Devlin. "Since I work here all day, the kids can come and see me. I help them at whatever they need — life, homework, girlfriends. I'm like a father to them, I really enjoy that."

—Bill Alden

BRUCE ALMIGHTY: New Princeton Day School football head coach Bruce Devlin whistles his players through a recent preseason workout. Devlin, an assistant with the program since 2000, is taking over for Bill Martin, who resigned last fall after the Panthers posted a 2-6 mark. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

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GETTING IN LINE: Princeton Day School football players go through their paces in a recent workout under the tutelage of new head coach Bruce Devlin. The Panthers plan to open things up on offense in an effort to improve on the 2-6 record they posted last fall. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

PDS Football To Use Flash, Basics To Produce Successful Campaign

As he enters his first year at the helm of the Princeton Day School football program, new head coach Bruce Devlin is banking that a flashy offense combined with a renewed focus on fundamentals can produce success this fall.

"I like to open the game up," asserted Devlin, who is replacing the departed Bill Martin after serving three years as an assistant coach for the Panthers.

"When I came here the offense that was being run was bland so I started adding things and adding things. We're going to be running plays with four or five receivers, the kids love it."

But while the rookie head coach's eyes light up when he discusses his "Air Devlin" attack, he knows his team will need more than a fancy passing game to improve on last season's 2-6 mark.

"We have to be better at tackling and blocking," added Devlin, who is also the head coach of the PDS baseball program. "The team that tackles and blocks better is going to win, that's the key to football."

To that end, Devlin has assembled a coaching staff that will stress those basics.

"One of the first things I had to do [after getting the job] was to find a good offensive line coach, that's the most critical position, particularly at this level," explained Devlin. "I hired Nick Tackacs for that position. He coached 13 years at Notre Dame High with Chappy Moore and has spent the last 12 years at Ewing High with Craig Wood. Nick is an experienced guy, he will whip them into shape."

On the other side of the ball, Devlin tapped longtime friend Scott Rogers as his defensive coordinator. "Scott has been our scout the last three years, the guy videotaped and broke down every play that our opponents ran," noted Devlin, who has also added Rick Mabes to his staff. "He has been working from 9 at night until 2 in the morning this summer. I've known Scott since I was about six months old, he was my first hire."

Although the PDS program has been plagued by a lack of numbers in the recent past, Devlin feels that won't be a problem this fall. "Based on meetings we've had and preseason workouts, I think we should be at around 38-40 players," maintained Devlin.

"That will be enough to keep guys fresh. We will give the starters breaks on special team plays and we plan to rotate players, giving them a series off here and there."

Pointing out that the Panthers lost two games last season by a total of two points combined, Devlin is enthused about his returning veterans. The trigger man for his offense will be senior quarterback Will King, who is in his third year as the team's starting signal caller. "Will is a bulldog, he never complains and he'd run through a wall for you," said Devlin.

King's main target will likely be speedy receiver/cornerback Lon Johnson. "We're going to do everything we can to get the ball in Lon's hands," said Devlin. "Last year was just his second year in football and he doesn't know his own potential."

Other key returners include juniors Andrew Hendrickson (fullback/linebacker), Colin Johnson (Lon's younger brother who plays wide receiver/running back), together with sophomores David Blitzer (linebacker/fullback), and Mike Rapoport (wide receiver/defensive back).

Devlin has some key returners who should anchor both lines including senior Jason Davila, (offensive line/defensive line), juniors Jared Makrancey (offensive tackle/defensive tackle) and Avery Fox (center/linebacker) along with sophomore Alex Kowalski (defensive end/running back).

PDS has several newcomers who could make a valuable contribution. Senior Alex Sugiura, a basketball and baseball star, should see plenty of action on the line as will classmate and fellow basketball stalwart David Pepperman, who was in the Panther football program his first two years at the school but opted not to play last fall.

Devlin is expecting big things from another PDS senior basketball star, Dylan Leith, who will get time at wide receiver and defensive back as he plays his first season of organized football. "Dylan can run, he's got great hands, he's a natural," asserted Devlin. "He could make a big difference for us."

Understandably, Devlin is chomping at the bit to make his imprint on the PDS program. "We're excited for the season to get started," said Devlin, whose club has scrimmages against Princeton High on August 28 and Granville and Dwight Englewood on September 6 before its season opener against Wilmington Friends on September 13.

"We're going to make things competitive, we're going to be in every game."

—Bill Alden

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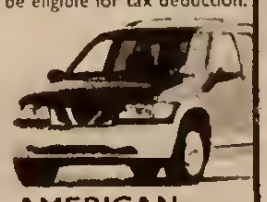

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W-League Play Has Sherry, Bell Primed to Lead Tiger Soccer

Playing for the New Jersey Wildcats soccer team this summer wasn't exactly like a *Bend It Like Beckham* experience for Princeton University seniors Theresa Sherry and Liz Bell but they are hoping it will harden them for this fall.

Sherry and Bell, who are two of the co-captains of the Tiger women's soccer squad, played a key role as the West Windsor-based Wildcats put together a late surge to finish 7-7 in the rough and tumble United States Women's Soccer League (W-League).

With Princeton set to start practice this weekend as it looks to defend its Ivy League crown, Sherry and Bell believe that they are a step ahead of the game due to their efforts this summer.

"It's always good to get my foot on the ball in the summer," said Sherry, a Baltimore, Md. native who is busy in the spring with lacrosse having made first-team All-American the last two seasons as the Tigers have posted back-to-back national titles.

"I'm always looking to be in a soccer league in the summer and get some games in. This summer, I worked on crossing the ball from the left side and I had more assists than goals."

Bell, a midfielder from Holland, Pa., feels as though she is game-sharp before preseason drills even start. "The W-League is pretty physical," said Bell, assessing the play in the elite women's circuit which has several teams up the east coast.

"You have to play the ball well and pass sharply and play with some pace. It really helped me with my conditioning, I feel I could go right into the season."

Another key benefit of the Wildcats experience was the chance for Bell and Sherry to get in better sync with each other. "I don't get to play with Theresa in the spring because she is tied up with lacrosse," added Bell, who has started in 53 of 54 games in her first three years at Princeton. "She is so fast and makes so many runs to the goal. I have a better feel for how to get her the ball."

The play of Bell and Sherry in the midfield will be a key as Princeton looks to not only win another Ivy crown but to do some damage in the NCAA tournament. While the Tigers were happy with their 13-3-1 mark last year, the loss to Penn State in the opening round of the NCAA tourney left them with a bitter taste.

"It's exciting to see how much progress we've made since I've been here," said Sherry, reflecting on a run which saw the Tigers win the Ivy title outright last year after tying for the top spot the previous two seasons.

"We've gone up a level each year. We need a little more scoring if we are to go further in the NCAA tournament. It would be fun to advance like the lacrosse team has done."

Bell, for her part, believes the Tigers have to get physical to take the next step. "Last year, Penn State was more physical than anyone we played in the Ivy League, they lift weights all year round," explained Bell.

"We want to win the Ivy title and get past the first and second rounds of the NCAA. We will have to be more physical to do that. We will need to be more intense in practice and be more physical with each other."

As a captain, Bell feels a special responsibility to make sure the squad puts in that kind of effort. "As a captain, you have to motivate everyone to work together," said Bell, whose other co-captain is defender Brea Griffiths. "You have to set an example by working hard."

Sherry, who scored just one goal last season after piling up a total of 15 in her first two college campaigns, is determined to set that kind of example.

"I'm looking to be more productive on the field, I was a little inconsistent last year," Sherry acknowledged. "I'm looking to be a team leader. I want to work hard everyday but keep it fun."

With the W-League experience under their belts, Sherry and Bell should be ready to lead the Tigers from day one this season.

—Bill Alden

A STEP AHEAD: Princeton University midfielder Liz Bell, left, turns the corner in a drill at the program's recent residential camp. Bell, one of Princeton's co-captains, played this summer for the New Jersey Wildcats of the W-League as she prepares to help the Tigers defend their Ivy League crown. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

IN CONTROL: Princeton University soccer star Theresa Sherry hones her ball skills as she gets ready for the upcoming season. Sherry, one of the team's co-captains, should be one of the team's top scoring threats as it looks to not only repeat as Ivy champs but advance beyond the first round of the NCAA tourney. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

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Batchelor finished with an overall score of 80-83-84-89-336 in cracking the top 30 in the tournament held at the Old Yorke Country Club in Chesterfield Township. Batchelor has made great strides this summer, highlighted by taking the Cherry Valley women's championship and the Women's Golf Association of Philadelphia junior tournament.

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Princeton's Valdivieso 3rd At USA Swim Meet

Princeton University senior Juan Valdivieso recently earned a bronze in the 200-meter butterfly at the 2003 ConcoPhillips National Swimming and Diving Championships in College Park, Md.

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Tiger Football Picked 5th In Preseason Poll

The Princeton University football squad was picked fifth in the Ivy League's preseason media poll, it was announced at the Ivy football media day last week.

Princeton, guided by fourth-year head coach Roger Hughes, enters the 2003 season coming off a 6-4 record in 2002, its first winning season since 1995. The Tigers return five starters on offense and five starters on defense.

The Tigers' offseason has been marred by the loss of defensive stars Zak Keasey, Jay McCareins, and Brandon Mueller, who were all ruled academically ineligible for the upcoming season.

Penn, the defending champion, was the preseason favorite, receiving 12 of the 16 first-place votes. The voters consisted of two media members from each of the eight Ivy League schools.

Harvard received three first-place votes and was picked to finish in second. Yale, selected third, had the other first-place vote. Dartmouth was picked fourth, followed by Princeton, Cornell, Brown, and Columbia.

Princeton opens its season September 20 at home against Lehigh at 7 p.m.

Tiger Football Returning To WHWH 1350-AM

Princeton University football will be broadcast on MoneyTalk 1350, WHWH radio this season, the school said last week.

Ed Benkin will return as the play-by-play voice of the Tigers as part of his ninth season of broadcasting Princeton athletics. Jerry Price, Princeton's Director of Athletic Communications who is in his 17th year broadcasting Ivy League sports, will again be the color commentator.

"We're thrilled to have Princeton back on WHWH," says Josh Gertzog, Vice President and Director of Sales at Nassau Broadcasting. "You say the name Princeton University, and you think class. It's great to have the Tigers on Money Talk1350."

In addition, Princeton's broadcasts in football and all sports will be available on the University's official athletics website, www.goprincetontigers.com. Unlike a year ago, there will be no charge for any of these broadcasts.

Princeton football will have eight of its 10 games televised. CN8 will televise the Lehigh (Sept. 20), Harvard (Oct. 25), and Penn (Nov. 8) games, while YES network will televise the Brown (Oct. 18), and Yale (Nov. 15) games as part of its Ivy League package. The YES games can also be seen on DIRECTV. Patriot Media (formerly RCN) will once again televise Princeton's home games.

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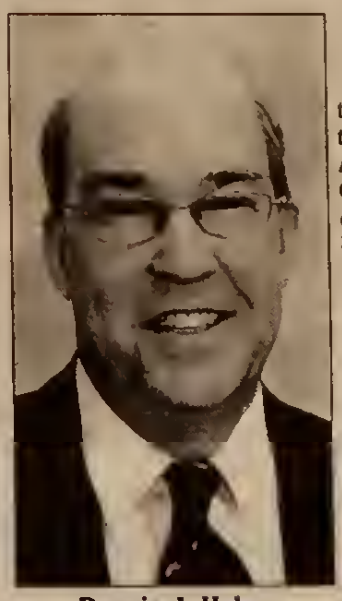

Dennis J. Helms

Dennis J. Helms has joined the Cherry Hill-based law firm Flaster/Greenberg P.C. as counsel, bringing intellectual property to its list of practice areas, and extending its scope to trademark and copyright law. Mr. Helms was formerly with the intellectual property firm of Woodbridge & Associates P.C. in Princeton. Mr. Helms, a resident of Belle Mead, specializes in the protection and licensing of intellectual property, handling trademark and copyright matters, author and publisher agreements, employment agreements, and other related matters, in addition to structuring the formation and operation of closely held businesses.

Patrick J. Dwyer

The law firm of Smith, Stratton, Wise, Heher, and Brennan in Princeton has announced that veteran New York litigator **Patrick J. Dwyer** joined the partnership on August 1. Mr. Dwyer is a specialist in the litigation of medical malpractice, products liability, and insurance coverage. In addition to his litigation practice, he is a speaker on risk management and malpractice topics to the medical community.

Mr. Dwyer received B.S. and M.S. degrees in biological science from Fordham University, and his law degree from Fordham University Law School in 1980. A regular guest commentator on Court TV, he lives with his wife and children in Skillman.

Area residents who graduated from Tufts University included Princeton resident **Henry Lee**, who graduated summa cum laude; **Samuel F. Oberter**, also of Princeton; and **Daniel Ford Reinhard** of Princeton Junction. .

Princeton resident **Emelia F. Meckstroth** has been named to the dean's list for the 2003 spring semester at Connecticut College, New London.

Mary Beth Kroh of Hamilton Jewelers has earned the title of Certified Gemological Appraiser from the American Gem Society, an association of professional jewelers in the U.S. and Canada. Ms. Kroh is also one of only 10 gemologists to achieve a perfect score on the evaluation since the inception of the award. In the jewelry industry, Certified Gemological Appraiser accreditation is the highest level of achievement.

Rider University recently inducted 50 students into Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership society. Among those named were **Daniels Holderby,** a senior performance voice major from Princeton. The society, founded in 1914, recognizes those students, faculty and administrators who have demonstrated leadership skills.

Kyle John Williams, a senior at Mercersburg Academy, achieved the Honor Roll for the Spring term with a grade point average of 80-89. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Williams of Princeton.

Mercersburg Academy is a co-educational, independent college preparatory boarding and day school in Mercersburg, Pa.

Cameron J. Hoyler

Cameron James Hoyler, son of Dr. and Mrs. Carl C. Hoyler of Princeton, has graduated with distinction from Cheltenham College, England. Mr. Hoyler attended the school as a British American Educational Foundation Scholar. While at Cheltenham, he was elected a house prefect, and played on the golf, tennis, squash and rifle teams. Prior to studying in England, he attended Princeton High School, where he was class president, a member of the school board, and founder of The Young Republican Club.

He will attend the University of Pennsylvania in the fall and plans a dual major in political science and English.

Two Princeton residents were recently named to the Dean's List at Boston University for the spring semester—**Catherine B. Martin** and **George S. Tria.**

HOTEL PAMPERS POOCHES: The Westin Princeton at Forrestal Village has announced that it will now welcome dogs with amenities such as dog beds, doggie robes, and canine massages. The dog bed is a miniature version of Westin's signature Heavenly Bed. To help raise awareness of the availability of dogs for adoption, the hotel recently made a donation to the Animal Placement Agency of West Windsor, Inc. (APAW). Shown presenting the check is John Crouch, Westin general manager, with, from left, Westin Director of Sales and Marketing Jim DeCinque, Stephanie Brocksbank of APAW, and Carol Szwarc, president of the Trenton Kennel Club, holding Moose, the dog.

Colby College, Waterville, Me., has announced that **Kyle A. Lieberman** was named to the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the spring semester. To make the list, a grade point average of at least 3.2 in the previous semester is required for upperclassmen. A government major, Mr. Lieberman is entering his senior year. He is the son of David and Karen Lieberman of Princeton, and a graduate of Princeton Day School.

Holly Arnesen of Princeton has been named to the Dean's List at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va. for the Spring 2003 semester. Students must earn a grade-point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale and carry an academic load of at least 12 credit hours to be named to the Dean's List.

Stephanie L. Costa was named to the dean's list at Bates College, Lewiston, Me., as a result of her scholastic standing during the second semester of the 2002-03 academic year. To qualify for the Bates dean's list, a student must maintain a better than "B+" average for the semester, for a minimum quality point ratio of 3.6.

Ms. Costa, a first-year student at Bates, is a 2002 graduate of Princeton Day School and the daughter of Leon and Debra Costa of Princeton.

Wake Forest University has announced that **Christopher McLeod Jacobi**, of Princeton, a senior majoring in political science, and **Douglas William Myers**, of Princeton, a junior majoring in business, have been named 2003 semester. The honor requires a 3.0 or higher grade point average.

Lindsay A. McQuade, of Princeton, and **Matthew R. Schaeffer**, of Skillman, were among 850 students at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa., to earn bachelor's degrees this spring. Ms. Maisel earned a B.A. is social sciences, Ms. McQuade earned a B.A. in women's studies, and Mr. Schaeffer earned a B.S. in civil engineering

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Noah Scovronick of Princeton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Scovronick, and **Noah Stout** of Princeton, son of Dr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Stout, have been named to the dean's list of Emory College, the undergraduate liberal arts college of Emory University in Atlanta, Ga., for the 2003 Spring Semester. Students must be in the top 20 percent of Emory College or have a 3.892 GPA or higher to be named to the dean's list.

EDEN FAMILY FUND-RAISERS: "An Eden Evening on the Town," the annual black-tie benefit for the Eden Family of Services, will be held September 14 at Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton. The event will feature cuisine prepared by members of the Professional Chef's Guild of Central New Jersey. Shown at a recent meeting of the event's steering committee are, from left, standing, Sue Trombino of Princeton; Aileen Kornblatt of East Windsor; Daria Caldwell of East Windsor; Gerard Fennelly, president of NAI Fennelly, the fund-raiser's primary benefactor; Jacqueline Hefelfinger of Yardley, Pa.; Christine Stives of Princeton Junction; Amy Puzio of Princeton; and Lucille Bongiovanni of Princeton. Seated are co-chairs Alice Pakenham of Skillman and Sharon Saatsoglou of Princeton.

GOING THE DISTANCE: Dragon Boat teams race on Lake Mercer in Mercer County Park on Sunday. The Princeton Warriors, a dragon boat team composed of Princeton-area breast cancer survivors, organized the Breast Cancer Survivors Dragon Boat Festival to raise money toward a practice boat and attract more breast cancer survivors to the team. Fifteen dragon boat teams from the tri-state area attended the two-day festival. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

TEAM EFFORT: Jeanie Haas, executive director of Princeton Warriors, greets friend Shelly Keller of Philadelphia's Hope Afloat after a race between their two dragon boat teams, the only two in the festival comprising breast cancer survivors. The competition was a friendly one, with Hope Afloat donating several rowers to the short-handed Princeton Warriors. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

FAMILY OUTING: Ed Brenner of Short Hills joins his 5-year-old granddaughter Emma Newman, of Princeton, at Lake Carnegie, where Emma alternately fed and frightened the lake's ducks and geese on Monday. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

Sarah Pagels of Princeton was recently awarded a letter of commendation for the 2003 Spring Term at Cushing Academy, Ashburnham, Mass. Each term, a select number of students is awarded this honor in recognition of their growth and commitment to their academic tasks.

Ms. Pagels, class of 2005, was also the recipient of the Jeannette Whiting Flagg 1932 Prize, which is awarded to a student exhibiting the greatest improvement in vocal music.

Aaron Gaynor, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Gaynor of Princeton, will attend Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass., beginning this fall. The Brandeis student body comes from almost all 50 states and nearly 100 countries.

Navy Airman **Brimage Omar**, son of Theresa and Howard Thompson of Princeton, completed deployment in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom while assigned to the amphibious assault ship USS *Kearsarge*, homeported in Norfolk, Va. Mr. Omar is a 2001 graduate of South Brunswick High School and joined the Navy in July 2001.

Bucknell University has recently announced its Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the spring semester of the 2002-03 academic year. Those honored include **Lindsay A. McQuade** of Princeton, **Carolyn A. Coates** and **Eric G. Doby** of Princeton Junction, **Jeremy S. Guest** of Skillman, **Andrew C. Mikotasy** and **Jennifer R. Onka** of Belle Mead, and **Kaoru Yamamoto** of West Windsor.

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Kirk Varnedoe

Kirk Varnedoe, 57, a noted art historian and a faculty member in the Institute for Advanced Study's School of Historical Studies, died August 14 at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York following a long battle with cancer.

Prior to his appointment to the Institute for Advanced Study in January 2002, he served for 13 years as chief curator of painting and sculpture at New York's Museum of Modern Art. Before joining MoMA in 1985, he was a tenured full professor at the Institute of Fine Arts, New York University. He previously taught at Columbia Law School, Columbia University, Stanford University, and Williams College, and served as the Slade Professor of Art History at Oxford University, Christensen Visiting Lecturer at Stanford University, and the Mellon Professor at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.

Born in Savannah, Ga., John Kirk Train Varnedoe earned a bachelor's degree in 1967 from Williams College, and a doctorate in 1972 from Stanford University.

"Kirk Varnedoe's distinguished scholarly record is notable for its exceptional range and for its pioneering role in key areas," said Phillip A. Griffiths, director of the Institute for Advanced Study. "His work has repeatedly been at the forefront of the history of modern art, and his numerous publications have reshaped and opened up a variety of fields within art history."

Dr. Varnedoe organized more than a dozen major exhibitions, both for MoMA and for other institutions. His credits included, at MoMA, "Van Gogh's Postman: The Portraits of Joseph Roulin" (2001); "Open Ends: Eleven Exhibitions of Contemporary Art from 1960 to Now" (2001, with Paola Antonelli and Joshua Siegel); "Jackson Pollock" (1999, with Pepe Karmel); "Jasper Johns: A Retrospective" (1997); "Cy Twombly: A Retrospective" (1995); "High and Low: Modern Art and Popular Culture" (1990, with Adam Gopnick); "Vienna 1900: Art, Architecture and Design" (1986); and "'Primitivism' in 20th Century Art: Affinity of the Tribal and the Modern" (1984, with William Rubin).

His publications on European and North American art of the 19th and 20th centuries "display a gift not only for rethinking large movements and ideas," said Professor Glen Bowersock, an Institute faculty member, "but also for close analysis of individual works of art. His scholarship has been instrumental in bringing marginal and neglected artists into the center of debate and in opening or reshaping entire fields of inquiry."

His many contributions to the discipline of art history began in 1972, when after a three-year period of research in Paris, mainly on the drawings of Rodin, his doctoral dissertation provided not only the first sound chronology of Rodin's drawings, but also the first critical examination of the epidemic problem of forgeries of the later drawings. He succeeded in identifying the forgers, and provided the first criteria for discriminating between the authentic and inauthentic drawings.

After completing his doctoral work, he turned to a new question: the seemingly incongruous overlaps of Realism and Symbolism in European art after 1860. This research resulted in his influential reevaluation of the then little-known Impressionist Gustave Caillebotte.

A year of research in Paris in 1977-78 allowed him to turn his attention to the history of photography. In subsequent articles, he examined the question of the influence of photography on Impressionist painting, effectively countering many prevailing ideas about the impact of photography on Monet, Degas, Caillebotte, and others.

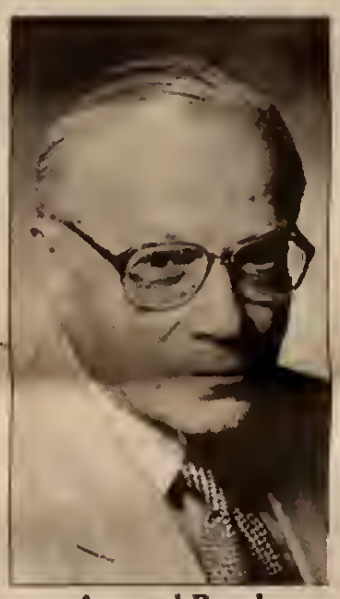
From 1984 to 1990, he made a series of contributions related to the political and ethical implications of western artists' engagement with non-western art. In 1984 he co-organized, with William Rubin, a MoMA exhibition, "Primitivism in 20th Century Art," which explored the expressive power of art created by cultures then called "primitive."

He was the author of *Vienna 1900: Art, Architecture, and Design* (1986), *Northern Light: Nordic Painting at the Turn of the Century* (1988), *A Fine Disregard: What Makes Modern Art Modern* (1990), *High and Low: Modern Art and Popular Culture* (1990), and a series of books on major North American painters of the post-War era, including Cy *Twombly* (1994), *Jasper Johns* (1996), and *Jackson Pollock* (1998). The book on Jackson Pollock, written with Pepe Karmel, was awarded the Alfred Barr Prize by the College Art Association as well as the Henry Allen Moe Prize awarded by the New York State Historical Association.

A fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences since 1993, he was awarded a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship in 1984, a Knighthood of the Royal Order of Donnebroge (Denmark) in 1983 and a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship in 1977, among other honors. He was also an Officier of the Ordre des Arts et des Lettres, a Member of the American Philosophical Society, a trustee of the National Humanities Center, a member of the steering committee of The New York Public Library's Center for Scholars and Writers, and the recipient of two honorary degrees.

He is survived by his wife, the sculptor Elyn Zimmerman.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Frank E. Campbell Home in Manhattan. A Memorial Service will be held in New York in September.



Armand Borel

Armand Borel, 80, an internationally recognized mathematician whose work was fundamental to the development and formation of modern mathematics, died August 11 in Princeton. Prof. Borel was a professor emeritus at the Institute for Advanced Study, where he had been a member of the faculty since 1957.

Born in La Chaux-de-Fonds, Switzerland, he received his diploma from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich in 1947 and his doctorate from the University of Paris in 1952. He served as an assistant and professor (1955-57; 1983-86) at the Swiss Federal Institute. He went to the Centre Nationale de la Recherche Scientifique in Paris in 1949, and then to the University of Geneva as a Professor of Algebra in 1950. From 1952 to 1954 he was a member in the School of Mathematics at the Institute for Advanced Study, and, in 1957, was appointed a professor. He became professor emeritus in 1993.

In 1991, he received the American Mathematical Society's Steele Prize for lifelong contributions to mathematics. The award citation noted that Prof. Borel's work "provided the empirical base for a great swath of modern mathematics, and his observations pointed out the structures and mechanisms that became central concerns of mathematical activity."

His mathematical work centered on the theory of Lie groups. Because of the increasingly important place of this theory in the whole of mathematics, Prof. Borel's work came to influence some of the most important developments of contemporary mathematics. His first great achievement was to apply to Lie groups and homogenous spaces the techniques of algebraic topology developed by Leray, Cartan, and Steenrod. In 1992, he received the International Balzan Prize for Mathematics "for his fundamental contributions to the theory of Lie groups, algebraic groups and arithmetic groups, and for his indefatigable action in favor of high quality in mathematical research and of the propagation of new ideas."

He served as a visiting lecturer at the University of Chicago, and as a visiting professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research in Bombay, the University of Paris, the University of California at Berkeley, the University of Chicago, Yale University, and Tohoku University in Sendai, Japan. In 1972, he received an honorary doctorate from the University of Geneva, and in 1978 was awarded the Brouwer Medal of the Dutch Mathematical Society.

A member of numerous scientific societies, he was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1976 and to the National Academy of Sciences in 1987. He was also a foreign member of the Finnish Academy of Sciences and Letters, the French Academy of Sciences, the American Philosophical Society, and Academia Europaea; and was an Honorary Fellow of the Tata Institute for Advanced Study.

A music lover, Prof. Borel initiated a concert series at the Institute in 1985, and directed the program through 1992. He also loved nature and wildlife, and until his recent illness was an active hiker.

He is survived by his wife, Gabrielle; and two daughters, Dominique Borel and Anne Borel, both of New York City.

Private funeral arrangements were handled by the Kimble Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Southern Poverty Law Center, 400 Washington Avenue, Montgomery, Ala. 36104; the Nature Conservancy, 4245 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 100, Arlington Va. 22203; or Public Citizen, 1600 20th Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009.

Charles B. Anderson

Charles B. ("Chiz") Anderson, 85, of Princeton, died August 17.

Born in Sewickley, Pa., he attended Sewickley Academy, The Kent School, and Princeton University, Class of 1940. While at Princeton, he was president of Tiger Inn and the Nassau Club. He was a lifelong supporter of the University.

During World War II, he served with distinction as a forward air observer with the First Armored Division in the North African Theatre and in Italy. He was awarded the Silver Star for heroism during the Battle of Anzio.

Following military service, he served as president of Roxbury Carpet Co., Framingham, Mass., before returning to Princeton University to work in the Development and Planning Office. He retired from RBC Dain Rauscher in December, 2000.

He served on the board of directors of Westminster Choir College.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Marian ("Miney"); four daughters, Lainey Anderson of Cambridge, Mass., Cynthia Anderson of Sausalito, Calif., Meg Ryan of Seattle, Wash., and Christine Anderson of Princeton Junction; a son, Duncan of Cary, N.C.; a sister, Allison Vulte of Coronado, Calif.; and eight grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. on Sunday, August 24 at Princeton University Chapel, with The Rev. Sue Anne Steffey Morrow officiating. A reception will follow at 6 p.m. at Windrows, 2000 Windrows Drive.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Westminster Choir College, 101 Walnut Lane, Princeton 08540.

Arrangements are under the direction of The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Miriam S. Riskin

Miriam Steinberg Riskin, 82, of Princeton, died of cancer on August 14 at home.

Before moving to Princeton she was a teacher of Spanish in Highland Park and Great Neck, N.Y., and a resident of Rumson.

She is survived by two sons, Steven of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Kenneth of Newport, Ore.; a brother, Malcolm of Princeton; and three grandchildren.

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Henry Hemmendinger

Henry Hemmendinger, 88, of Princeton, died August 16 at home. He was a widely recognized authority on color science.

Born in Bernardsville, he studied at Harvard and Princeton Universities. He received a Ph.D. in astronomy from Princeton in 1939 under the direction of Henry Norris Russell.

His career as a physicist working in color measurement, specification, and control spanned the last half-century, first in a partnership, Davidson and Hemmendinger, and later as a consultant operating Hemmendinger Color Lab from his home. He was a member of international committees and the recipient of numerous honors, most recently the Godlove Award of the Inter-Society Color Council.

In addition to his scientific work he was a passionate gardener who created a small oasis at his home. He was interested in plant propagation and worked with a local garden club on the cultivation of the rare blue gentian flower.

He was predeceased by his first wife Miriam; a daughter, Carol Selikowitz; and his long-time companion Sylvia Crane. He is survived by two sons, David of Schenectady, N.Y., and Mark of Mill Valley, Calif.; two brothers; and five grandchildren.

There will be a memorial service at his home at 2 p.m. on September 6.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Center for Constitutional Rights, 666 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10012; or The Nature Conservancy, 425 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Va. 22203.

Catherine Holland

Catherine Lightfoot Holland, 91, of Chesapeake, Va., died August 14 at Georgian Manor Assisted Living Facility in Chesapeake. She lived in Princeton from 1993 to 1998.

Born in Richmond, Va., one of 12 children, she moved with her family to Philadelphia in 1915. She left Princeton in 1998 to live in Virginia with her son and daughter-in-law.

She was a cook, seamstress and crafter until failing eyesight and declining health intervened. Her skills were evident in the sweaters, afghans, tablecloths and bedspreads she gave her friends and relatives.

She served in the Nurses' Guild and sang in church choirs. In Princeton she was a member of the Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church, where she was active in the weekly Bible study and prayer group, and the Chime Choir.

Wife of the late Robert Holland Sr., she is survived by two sons, Robert Jr. of Chesapeake, Va., and Donald of Philadelphia; a daughter, Barbara Cooper of Princeton; three grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

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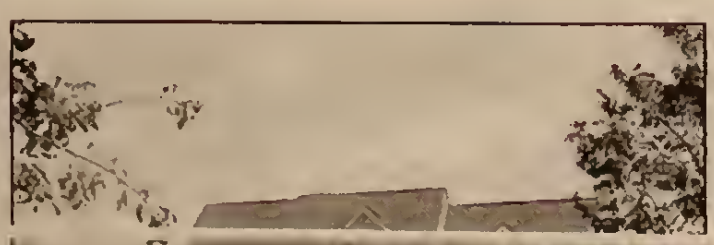

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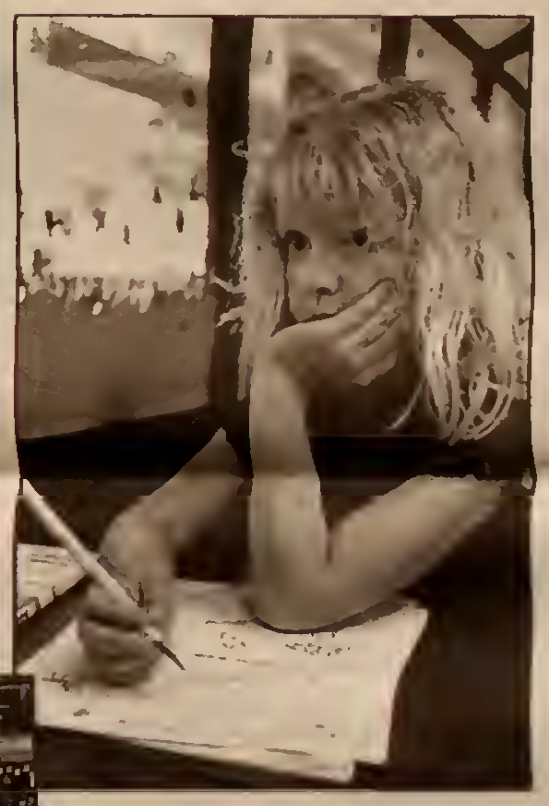

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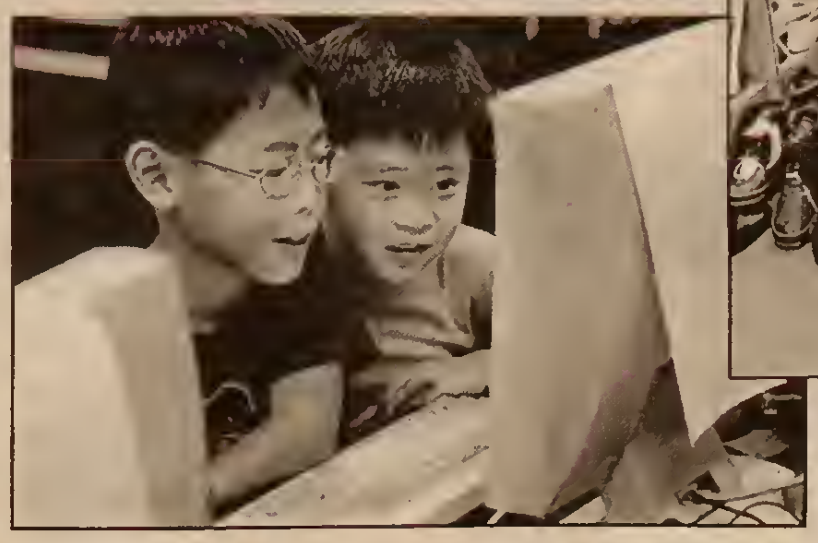

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District Set to Tackle Construction, Academics in Upcoming School Year

Despite the challenges of beginning the 2003-2004 school year amid major construction projects at all six Princeton Regional Schools, administration officials anticipate a worthwhile and valuable academic year.

Construction will be a dominant factor, but it won't be the sole focus, said Lewis Goldstein, assistant superintendent of human resources for Princeton Regional School District.

There will be other objectives like successful implementation of a couple of new programs including an academic program at the John Witherspoon Middle School called Advancement Via Individual Determination, or AVID.

This "untracking" program is designed to help underachieving students with high academic potential. Participating students are generally from low income and ethnic or linguistic minority backgrounds.

Have Potential

These students are academically "in the middle," and have the potential for success in a college preparatory curriculum; but extra support provided by the program helps ensure a greater success rate.

AVID features a rigorous academic elective course and sequential curriculum starting in the seventh grade. It focuses on writing, inquiry, and collaboration as methods to accelerate student progress, and incorporates a system of tutors, instruction on note taking and writing as a tool of learning, and open discussion between students and staff about how students learn best.

The program originated in San Diego, and has been implemented successfully in other places, Mr. Goldstein said. "We've hired a director of AVID and are excited about the program's potential impact."

Another program the district is pursuing is called the Idea Center, which is a tutoring program geared toward helping students with homework. The Idea Center has already been operational in the high school. But it was started with funding from a federal grant that ran out as of June 1, Mr. Goldstein said.

Currently the district is raising funds to be able to continue the program, which operates both during and after school, and expand it to the lower grades, Mr. Goldstein said.

"We have hired a new director for the Idea Center at the high school and are continuing to fundraise to expand the program," he said. Fifty thousand dollars is needed to support the program this school year.

In addition, the district conducts a regular review of curriculum, which took place this summer. In this process, teachers and supervisors pick through curriculum to see what aspects should be enhanced and what should be abandoned. The latest reviews took place on core subjects like language arts, math, social studies, and science.

Oversight Required

While programs like these are indispensable to district educational goals, it's the multi-year, $81.4 million construction project to renovate and upgrade all facilities that will require a big percentage of the administration's coordination efforts and oversight this year.

The building program, which began last spring, is in full swing at the district's four elementary schools and middle school, but hasn't yet been initiated at the high school.

Each school is being expanded and is getting a face-lift. At Riverside Elementary School, for example, construction is underway for a new media center, and new art room, music and music ensemble rooms, science demonstration room, and two kindergarten rooms, as well as small-group instruction spaces. At the middle school, the additions include a swimming pool.

Construction is bringing its concomitant problems like noise and debris as well as short-term hardships like temporarily reducing the number of parking spaces, playgrounds, classrooms, and administrative offices.

Creative Solutions Sought

To combat these problems, each school's principal will work in coordination to identify creative solutions to provide for the needs of students, faculty, and staff, Mr. Goldstein said. "Everybody has to work together to try to make the schools functional during these short-term inconveniences."

Many solutions haven't yet been determined as summer vacation schedules are just now coming to an end. Teachers, staff and administration are getting back this week, and today marks the end of a two-day retreat for school leaders, during which

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3. SOLUTIONS:

a. Find a Balance: Limit the number of activities, providing time to play and just "be a kid".
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c. Take a Day of Rest: Make 1 day per week free of activities, giving you and your children a well-deserved break --- sort of a non-religious Sabbath.
d. Choose Gifted Programs that are Gifted: More work, but less creativity, will make matters worse.
e. Choose Sports that Build Self-Esteem: While teaching teamwork and cooperation are fine, equating worth with performance, and having a coach or teammates who berate your child are not. Ask your child the simple question: Are you having fun?
f. Examine Yourself: Is your child overloaded because you are overloaded? Consider escaping pressure yourself rather than feeding it to your child. Being pushed to be the smartest, most athletic, fashionable, thin and popular kid in the class has been shown to push kids away from being happy. Perhaps examining your own view of life might help.

4. A GOOD BOOK: Want more? Consider reading: Dr. David Marks, *Raising Stable Kids in an Unstable World,* Deerfield Beach, Health Communications, 2002.

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time many of these issues were discussed.

Another important weapon to combat the challenges associated with construction will be the district's use of various communications vehicles.

Newsletters and the Internet will be used to keep the community apprised of construction-related issues and also to generate enthusiasm about what the future holds in terms of first-rate facilities, Mr. Goldstein said.

A newsletter will be published — hopefully two or three times during the school year — and mailed to residents; the district's web-site will be updated regularly; and a link to the construction website is being added, Mr. Goldstein said.

Currently, the district's website features photographs of different phases of construction at each of the six schools. New photos will be posted as construction phases are accomplished month to month and to highlight aspects of construction that are upcoming.

The comprehensive construction project was deemed necessary because facilities haven't been updated in many years and because the district has experienced a 34-percent growth in enrollment over the last decade. Enrollment is expected to continue to grow another 20% over the next 10 years.

Business as Usual

The district website says that many efforts are being made to ensure minimal educational disruption for students and staff as well as to ensure the comfort and safety of the students, staff and neighbors during construction.

Public school programs in Princeton are aimed at helping each student succeed by personalizing school experiences as much as possible to meet students' individual abilities and learning styles.

Instructional staff is invited to take responsibility for the quality of educational programs by participating in curriculum development and other decision-making.

Within that framework, Princeton teachers are given scope to exercise professional judgment to expand the boundaries of student learning and to maximize their own talent in the classroom.

Princeton Regional Schools serves a total of 3,300 students. The elementary program includes approximately 1,500 students who are housed in Community Park School, Johnson Park School, Littlebrook School, and Riverside School.

John Witherspoon Middle School serves a population of more than 650 students in sixth through eighth grades. And in the high school, which will be welcoming new principal, Gary Snyder in October, more than 1,000 students attend.

The high school has about 160 course offerings, and more than 60% of its students participate in Advanced Placement or accelerated classes. These honor courses are supplemented by extensive offerings in the arts, humanities, and sciences.

Charter School News

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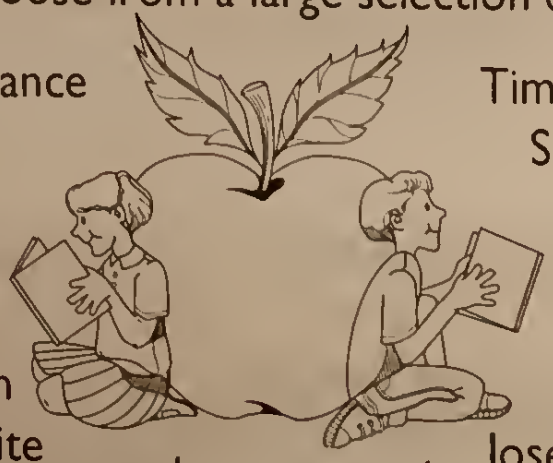

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Schools, another construction program is underway. As part of the first phase, a new entrance and bus drop-off area has been completed for the 2003-2004 school year. Buses and other vehicles will now enter the school via Bunn Drive instead of via Ewing Street. In addition a building to house the lower grades is under construction and is expected to be in move-in condition by March 2004, Princeton Charter School Principal Charles Marsee said.

Also Mr. Marsee said that the school has purchased a school bus, which will be used for field trips and transporting students home following athletic team practices and games. Routine school bus transportation for the Charter School is provided by Prtnceton Regional Schools.

The school is also growing by 40 additional students this year and adding three new teachers, including a math teacher, a history teacher and a lower elementary school teacher.

About half of the number of new students will be eighth graders, increasing the number of eighth grade sections to two from one. The school, which includes kindergarten through eighth grade, will have 280 students this year.

—Becky Melvin

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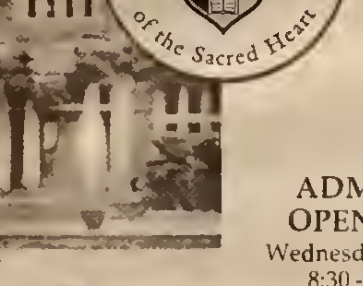

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The photographs shown here are of schools that no longer exist, schools. But even though the schools are gone, every building opened in 1858 at 185 Nassau Street, became the core of a newe house on Mount Lucas Road, was turned into a private residence.

Witherspoon School Children, c. 1930. The Witherspoon School, actually located on Quarry Street, opened in 1908. African-American students attended the school until the Princeton Plan integrated the school system in 1948. It was used as the Borough Junior High School for a time, and then became the Princeton Nursing Home. It is now being renovated into apartments. *(Courtesy of Shirley Satterfield)*

The Model School, Nassau Street, 1905. The Model School, a public school, opened in 1858, was renovated and expanded in 1934 to become the Nassau Street School at 185 Nassau Street. *(Collections of the Historical Society of Princeton)*

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Valley Road School, 2003. The Valley Road School opened in 1918 at the corner of Witherspoon Street and Valley Road. The Township used the building for its offices until the new Township building was completed in 2003.

Mount Lucas School, Mount Lucas Road, 1904. This one-room schoolhouse opened before 1875 and closed in 1918 when the Valley Road School was completed. *(Collections of the Historical Society of Princeton)*

Miss Gildner's School, Rosedale House, Rosedale Road. Miss Laura Gildner ran a boarding and day school for girls out of Rosedale House from 1922 to 1926. The house is now a private home. *(Collection of the Historical Society of Princeton)*

Miss Hanna's School, Beatty House. Miss Hanna ran a female boarding school out of Beatty House when it was in its original location on Nassau Street in the mid-19th century. Beatty House was moved to its present location at 19 Vandeventer Avenue in 1875 and is now owned by the Historical Society of Princeton. *(Collection of the Historical Society of Princeton)*

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Stony Brook School, Stockton Street, 1904. This one-room schoolhouse opened before 1875 and closed circa 1925 when a new brick building replaced it. The older school building was moved to Spruce Street and converted into a private home. *(Collections of the Historical Society of Princeton)*

Witherspoon Street School, 1907. African-American students attended this school located at the corner of Witherspoon and Maclean streets from 1858 to 1908. The school has since been remodeled into an apartment building. *(Courtesy of Shirley Satterfield)*

Miss Carter's School, 1919. Miss Carter ran a boarding and day school for girls from about 1910 to 1925 at 2 Hamilton Avenue and 280 Nassau Street. *(Collections of the Historical Society of Princeton)*

Miss Mason's School 53 Bayard Lane. Miss Mason operated a private elementary school from the 1930s until 1982. The building, called "Thanet Lodge," was built in 1902 as the home of Colonel William Gibby, a professor at Princeton University. The Lewis School now owns the building. *(Collections of the Historical Society of Princeton)*

Evelyn College, 7-8 Evelyn Place. This house became Evelyn College in 1878, a women's college associated with Princeton University. The college closed in 1897. The building is now a two family dwelling. *(Collections of the Historical Society of Princeton)*

High School's Port of Entry Program Seeks to Enhance Language Skills

It's only August, but in two trailers at Princeton High School, 17 students are hard at work. These students are taking part in the Port of Entry program, and even though they're not being graded, the stakes are equally high. The language skills the students learn in this program will help them to succeed in the demanding Princeton schools this coming year.

Port of Entry is a three-week program of classes and activities designed to help Princeton Regional School District's non-English speaking students learn and improve their English skills as they prepare to make the transition from elementary to middle school, and from middle school to high school.

The program, which began on August 4 and runs until August 22, from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, was started by the district when it identified a need to supplement its ESL program. Barbara Greenfeldt, supervisor of the World Languages and ESL/Bi-Lingual Program, worked with several teachers and administrators after hearing comments that the students would often forget their English language skills over the summer.

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Last year, the district reported 55 native languages other than English spoken by district students as their primary language. While not every child needed to learn English, there were many who started the school year with little more than basic English language skills, and some started with none at all.

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The Rising Tide, Mabel Esther Allan. When an eighteen-year-old inherits three small islands off the English coast, she discovers they are a source of intrigue.

The Man Who Was Poe, Avi. In Providence, R.I., in 1848, Edgar Allan Poe reluctantly investigates the problems of eleven-year-old Edmund, whose family has mysteriously disappeared and whose story suggests a new Poe tale with a ghastly final twist.

Wolf Rider: A Tole of Terror, Avi. After receiving an apparent crank call from a man claiming to have committed murder, fifteen-year-old Andy finds his close relationship with his father crumbling as he struggles to make everyone believe him.

Goody Holl, Natalie Babbitt. The new tutor at Goody Hall is pleased with his job but can't help feeling there is something peculiar about the household.

Tory & Me and the Spirit of True Love, Margaret Bechard. Cousins Tory and Emily embark on a quest for secrets, romance, and insight into the past of their mysterious Aunt Louisa, who had not talked to the family for years before her death.

The Curse of the Blue Figurine, John Bellairs. Johnny Dixon is plunged into a terrifying mystery/adventure when he removes a blue figurine called a ushabti from church.

Sing Me o Death Song, Jay Bennett. Jason risks his life to find evidence that his mother, a convicted murderer facing execution, was framed.

The Ghost Children, Eve Bunting. Matt's investigation of the vandalism of his aunt's life-sized dolls takes him to the art world of Los Angeles.

The Fred Field, Barbara Hood Burgess. The summer after he finishes seventh grade, Oren is occupied with turning an empty lot into a memorial ball field honoring his best friend, who was murdered there, and with finding the killer and making him confess.

Angel's Gate, Gary Crew. Kimmy encounters two wild children who have grown up in the hills of Australia and tries to protect them from the unknown person who murdered their father.

Annerton Pit, Peter Dickinson. In search of their grandfather who has disappeared while tracking down ghosts, two brothers, one blind, stumble upon a headquarters of subversive revolutionary activity in an abandoned mine.

Don't Look Behind You, Lois Duncan. Seventeen-year-old April finds her comfortable life changed forever when death threats to her father, a witness in a federal case, force her family to go into hiding under assumed names and flee the pursuit of a hired killer.

The Purple Eogle Mystery, Hal George Evarts. In order to help his uncle save his shop, a young boy tries to locate an old wagon containing valuable antique bottles.

The Disoppearance, Rosa Guy. The disappearance of the seven-year-old daughter of a Brooklyn family casts suspicion on a juvenile offender from Harlem who has recently come to live with them.

Murder in o Pig's Eye, Lynn Hall. Convinced that the owner of a neighboring farm has killed his sharp-tongued wife, sixteen-year-old Bodie searches for her body, until his detective work reaches a chaotic and humorous climax.

The Ghost Squod Breaks Through, E. W. Hildick. When one of them finds a successful way to communicate with a live person, four young ghosts decide to ban together to help solve and prevent crimes.

Fell Back, M. E. Kerr. When a classmate at his exclusive private school falls to his death from a tower, seventeen-year-old John Fell is determined to find out whether the incident was suicide, accident, or murder.

Alien Secrets, Annette Curtis Klause. On her journey to the distant planet where her parents are working, Puck befriends a troubled alien and becomes involved in a dangerous mystery involving a precious artifact.

Troubling o Stor, Madeleine L'Engle. As she tries to stay alive after being left on an iceberg in the Antarctic, sixteen-year-old Vicky recalls the series of events that brought her to the bottom of the world and involved her in a dangerous mystery.

Tongled Web, Eloise Jarvis McGraw. Twelve-year-old Juniper Webb and her best friend Alison find themselves enmeshed in a "tangled web" when the two girls begin to investigate Juniper's new stepmother's background.

The House on Porchment Street, Patricia A. McKillip. While staying with her cousin in England, a young girl helps him find a way of helping the troubled ghosts inhabiting the cellar of the house.

Underrunners, Margaret Mahy. Tris and Winola find the underrunners, a vast network of tunnels, the ideal place to escape their unhappy lives and act out their fantasies, but the tunnels become a dangerous place when invaded by an unseen stranger.

Rovensgill, William Mayne. Fifteen-year-old Bob stumbles across some old secrets involving his family and a forty-year-old murder.

The Cose of the Boker Street Irregulor: A Sherlock Holmes Story, Robert Newman. Brought to London under mysterious circumstances by his tutor, a young boy seeks the help of Sherlock Holmes when his tutor is kidnapped and he himself is threatened with the same fate.

The Cose of the Vonishing Corpse, Newman, Robert. When Andrew returns to London from boarding school, he becomes embroiled in several mysteries involving stolen jewels and the disappearance of a corpse after a brutal murder.

The Other Side of Dark, Joan Lowry Nixon. Seventeen-year-old Stacy awakens from a four-year coma ready to identify, locate, and prosecute the young man who murdered her mother and wounded her.

Dumb Like Me, Olivia Potts, Lila Perl. Olivia prefers being a low achiever to trying to live up to the academic performances of her brother and sister, until she sets out to solve a series of local burglaries.

Liors, P. J. Petersen. Life in the remote town of Alder Creek, California, is boring for eighth-grader Sam and his friends, until his newly awakened ability to tell when a person is lying involves him in a series of mysterious events.

Would My Fortune Cookie Lie?, Stella Pevsner. While worrying that her mom is plotting to move the family from their Chicago home, thirteen-year-old Alexis also wonders about the mysterious young man who seems to be shadowing her and her friend.

The Ruby in the Smoke, Philip Pullman. In nineteenth-century London, sixteen-year-old Sally, a recent orphan, becomes involved in a deadly search for a mysterious ruby.

The View From the Cherry Tree, Willo Davis Roberts. Rob admits having seen a murder, but no one believes him — except the murderer.

Blockbriar, William Sleator. In the attempt to decipher a number of strange events after he moves into an old cottage, a boy discovers a group of English folk engaged in Devil worship.

Vaxley's Cat, Robert Westall. After Yaxley disappears, the inhabitants of an English village fear that his ugly old cat will uncover the truth about the secret they are hiding.

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Port of Entry hopes to close that gap. Funded by a Title III grant as part of the No Child Left Behind Act, Port of Entry differs from the intensive summer ESL tutoring the district conducted in previous years because it integrates subject content into its language lessons, and builds the necessary skills to prepare students for the transition to a new school.

"It's a dynamic program," says Ms. Greenfeldt, "They're not just sitting in a classroom drilling [English]."

The students are separated into two groups: one group for elementary school students preparing for middle school, and another for middle school and high school students.

The elementary school students are taught by Tina DeLillo, ESL teacher for Riverside School. Mark Eastburn, Spanish teacher at Johnson Park School, teaches the middle and high school group.

Sheltered Learning

The students are taught English through a sheltered learning technique. The teachers are aware that while some students can speak English, others' skills are limited, and teachers are able to use certain methods to teach a subject while simultaneously teaching English.

To augment this method, Staci Vincent, ESL and Bilingual teacher at Community Park School, floats between the two groups to tutor some students intensively.

The program is comprised of students from several countries, including China, Mexico, Japan, and Korea. Some have been in the Princeton school system for a couple of years, and some have been in this country for only a couple of weeks. Because of the range of native languages, classes are conducted only in English, and the students communicate with each other in English as they learn math, science, and social studies.

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Ms. Greenfield explains that these students may have a limited opportunity to use and improve their English during the summer.

Ms. DeLillo, who developed the program's curriculum, added that the program was specifically designed for the end of the summer to help the students jump-start into the new school year.

Recipe for Success

The program also teaches practical learning skills, such as how to organize a page of notes and how to multi-task, which is especially important for those who will be attending Princeton High School for the first time next year. High school students will have eight different classes and eight different teachers who each will have different expectations for their students.

To prepare the Port of Entry students, Ms. DeLillo teaches what she calls her "Recipe for Success," which instructs them on how to develop a plan to get from one task to another in order to multi-task successfully.

Mr. Eastburn's group of soon-to-be ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade students tackle issues such as peer pressure, nutrition, and health. His group was assigned the task of caring for an egg for a day to practice what it would be like to be a parent and ensure that

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1	Labor Day
2	Staff Development Day
3	First Day for Students; 1:00 p.m. dismissal, K-12

October

6	Yom Kippur

November

6-7	NJEA
26	1:00 p.m. Dismissal, K-12
27-28	Thanksgiving Recess

December

23	1:00 p.m. Dismissal, K-12
24-31	Winter Recess

January

1-2	Winter Recess
19	Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Day

February

16	Presidents' Day

March

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5-9	Spring Recess

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31	Memorial Day

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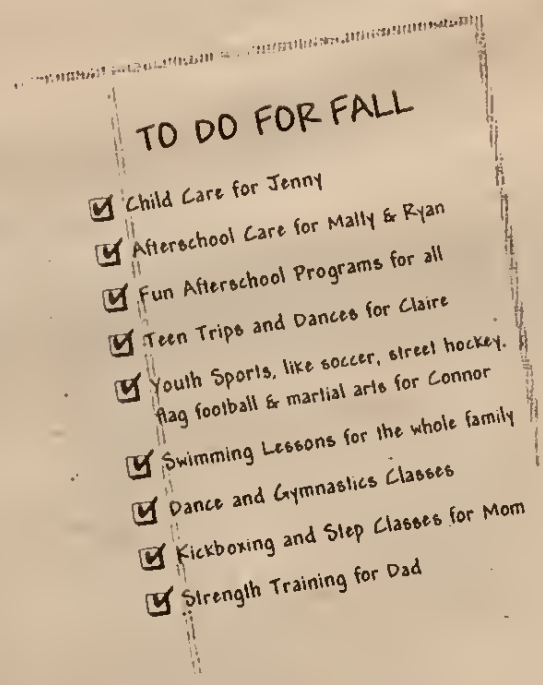

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Albertina Goes Up: An Alphabet Book (Albertina Anda Arriba: el abecedario) by Nancy Maria Grande Tabor.

Angels Ride Bikes and Other Fall Poems (Los Ángeles Andon en Bicicleta y Otros Poemas de otoño) by Francisco X. Alarcón; illustrations, Maya Christina Gonzalez. A collection of poems in which the renowned Mexican American poet revisits and celebrates his childhood memories of fall in the city and growing up in Los Angeles.

The Bossy Gollito (El gallo de bodas), a traditional Cuban folktale, retold by Lucia M. González; illustrated by Lulu Delacre. In this cumulative Cuban folktale, a bossy rooster dirties his beak when he eats a kernel of corn and must find a way to clean it before his parrot uncle's wedding. Includes a glossary of Spanish words and information about the different birds in the story.

Colling the Doves (El canto de las Palomas), story by Juan Felipe Herrera; pictures by Elly Simmons. The author recalls his childhood in the mountains and valleys of California with his farmworker parents who inspired him with poetry and song.

Fifty on the Zebro: Counting with the Animals (Cincuenta en la Cebra: Contando con los Animales), written and illustrated by Nancy Maria Grande Tabor.

The Cricket Sings: Poems and Songs for Children by Federico Garcia Lorca; translated by Will Kirkland; illustrated by Maria Horvath. A book of poems about working in the fields and nature's bounty, one for each letter of the Spanish alphabet.

Thc Cuckoo's Reward: A Folk Tole from Mexico in Spanish ond English (El Premio del Cuco: Cuento Popular de Mexico en Español e Inglés), adapted and translated by Daisy Kouzel; illustrated by Earl Thollander. Relates the traditional Mexican tale that reveals how the cuckoo lost her beautiful feathers and why she lays her eggs in other birds' nests.

From the Bellybutton of the Moon ond Other Summer Poems (Del Ombligo de la Luna y Otros Poemas de Verano) by Francisco X. Alarcon; illustrations, Maya Christina Gonzalez. A collection of poems in which the renowned Mexican American poet revisits and celebrates his childhood memories of summers, Mexico, and nature.

Gothering the Sun: an A B C in Spanish and English by Alma Flor Ada; English translation by Rosa Zubizarreta; illustrated by Simon Silva. A book of poems about working in the fields and nature's bounty, one for each letter of the Spanish alphabet.

A Gift for Abuelito: Celebrating the Day of the Dead (Un Regalo para Abuelita: en Celebración del Dia de los Muertos), by Nancy Luenn; illustrated by Robert Chapman. After her grandmother dies, Rosita hopes to be reunited with Abuelita as she prepares a gift to give her when her family celebrates the day of the Dead.

Gregory's Stitches (Gregorio y Sus Puntos) written and illustrated by Judith Vigna. Spanish by Alma Flor Ada. The story of how Gregory got the six stitches in his forehead changes with each friend that passes on the news.

A Taste of the Mexican Market (El gusto del Mercado Mexicano), written and illustrated by Nancy Maria Grande Tabor. Describes many of the different foods found at a Mexican market.

Icy Wotermelon (Sandia fría), by Mary Sue Galindo; illustrations by Pauline Rodriguez Howard. When three generations of a family gather to eat watermelon, the grandparents reminisce about how the sweet fruit brought them together.

The Lizard and the Sun (la Lagartija y el Sol) by Alma Flor Ada; illustrated by Felipe Davalos; translated by Rosa Zubizarreta. A traditional Mexican folktale in which a faithful lizard finds the sun which brings light and warmth back to the world.

Laughing out loud, I fly: poems in English ond Sponish by Juan Felipe Herrera; drawings by Karen Barbour. A collection of poems in Spanish and English about childhood, place, and identity.

The Little Ghost Who Wouldn't Go Away (El Pequeño fantasma), by Joseph J. Ruiz; translated into Spanish by Juan S. Lucero; illustrations by Kris Hotvedt. A young girl in a small mountain community in northern New Mexico wishes to see the ghost of a little boy who has been seen by many others.

Magda's Tortillos (Los Tortillas de Magda), by Becky Chavarria-Cháirez; illustrations by Anne Vega; Spanish translation by Julia Mercedes Castilla. While learning to make tortillas on her seventh birthday, Magda tries to make perfectly round ones like those made by her grandmother but instead creates a variety of wonderful shapes.

Mogic Windows – Cut-Poper Art and Stories (Ventanas Mágicas – Papel Picado y Relatos), by Carmen Lomas Garza as told to Harriet Rohmer; Spanish translation by Francisco X. Alarcón. Carmen Lomas Garza portrays her family's Mexican customs through cut-paper work.

Margaret and Margarita, Morgorito y Morgoret by Lynn Reiser. Margaret, who only speaks English, and Margarita, who only speaks Spanish, meet in the park and have fun playing together even though they have different languages.

A Movie in My Pillow (Una Pelicula en Mi Almohada), story by Jorge Argueta; illustrations by Elizabeth Gómez. Children's poetry, Salvadoran.

My Name is Jorge on Both Sides of the River, poems by Jane Medina; illustrated by Fabricio Vanden Broeck. A book of poems that explores the struggles of a boy from Mexico attending school in the United States.

My Very Own Room (Mi Propio Cuartito), story by Amada Irma Pérez; illustrations by Maya Christina Gonzalez. With the help of her family, a resourceful Mexican American girl realizes her dream of having a space of her own to read and to think.

The Story of Colors (La Historia de los Colores), by Subcomandante Marcos; illustrated by Domitila Dominguez; translated by Anne Bar Din. A tale from Chiapas about the origin of colors.

Tortillos and Lullabies, Tortillas y Concioncitas by Lynn Reiser; pictures by "Corazones Valientes": coordinated and translated by Rebecca Hart. A young girl describes activities that her great grandmother, grandmother, and mother all did for their daughters, and that she does for her doll.

The Three Little Javelinas (Los Tres Pequeños Jabalíes) written by Susan Lowell; illustrated by Jim Harris. A southwestern adaptation of "The three little pigs."

The Upside Down Boy (El niño de Cabeza story), by Juan Felipe Herrera; illustrations by Elizabeth Gómez. The author recalls the year when his farm worker parents settled down in the city so that he could go to school for the first time.

The Woman who Outshone the Sun: the Legend of Lucia Zenteno (La Mujer qua Brillaba Aún Más que el Sol: la leyenda de Lucia Zenteno), from a poem by Alejandro Cruz Martinez: pictures by Fernando Olivera; story by Rosalma Zubizarreta, Harriet Rohmer, David Schecter. Retells the Zapotec legend of Lucia Zenteno, a beautiful woman with magical powers who is exiled from a mountain village and takes its water away in punishment.

Where Fireflies Dance (Ahí, Donde Bailan Las Luciérnagas). Story by Lucha Corpi; Pictures by Mira Reisberg. A girl and her brother spend their childhood in a small town on the Caribbean coast of Mexico.

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the egg remained safe. Through this type of exercise, the students are taught decision-making skills while they build new vocabulary. At the end of the lesson, all agreed that having a baby at this time would not be a good idea.

Another important goal of the program is to boost the students' confidence in their language abilities.

In the beginning, many students were afraid to participate in the classes and take risks with their English skills. They had not been in the Princeton school system from the beginning of their educational careers, and the Port of Entry program tried to fill in the learning and language gaps.

Now these youngsters, equipped with new skills and increased confidence, know what to expect in their new schools and will be able to self-advocate by asking more questions when they need help.

Ms. DeLillo has noticed a definite improvement in her students' confidence.

"They're willing to use language more. In the beginning they were relying on hand gestures, now they're definitely taking more risks [by speaking English]," she said. And she's also pleased that her students are developing friendships that they will take into the new school year.

In this program, youngsters learn more than English, they also learn about their community. Many are new to Princeton and use this program as an opportunity to learn about how their community works and what resources are available to them.

For example, Ms. DeLillo, Mr. Eastburn and Ms. Vincent took the two groups on a field trip to the Princeton Public Library. For many, it was their first experience in the library and they spent the day learning its layout. Library staff conducted a scavenger hunt for the students, who had to find reference and children's books by the Dewey Decimal System. The rest of the time was

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spent playing on the computer. "Computers are practically the only thing children are interested in these days," said Mr. Eastburn.

Mr. Eastburn feels the program has been successful and is happy have to have made an impact on students' English skills. Because of the many different levels of language ability, he said it has been difficult making the lessons relevant to all students.

For Ms. DeLillo, the hardest part has been not having access to the materials and facilities that she normally uses during the school year. Princeton High School is currently closed for construction.

But if happiness is a good measure of success, then Port of Entry reached its goal. "They're obviously enjoying it — they're all smiling," said Ms. Greenfeldt.

—Liane Yvkoff

BIKES ON PARADE: Bicycles line the racks at Firestone Library as the beginning of university classes approaches. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

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